

Barrow, AK. The city of Barrow is an isolated community on the Arctic Ocean at the northern tip of Alaska. Barrow is the economic center for the North Slope Borough with a population of 4,400 residents, the majority of which are Inupiat Eskimo. The community infrastructure at risk from storm damage, shoreline erosion, and flooding consists of roads, a utilidor, a sewage lagoon, and a landfill site.

The utilidor stretches more than 3 miles and contains sewage, water, and power lines, and communication facilities for the community. Beach erosion threatens over 1 mile of the utilidor and a low-lying beach road that separates Barrow's sewage lagoon and an old landfill from the sea.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS will consider alternatives including the placement of sands and gravels suitable for beach nourishment along approximately 5 miles of beach, elevation of coastal roadways, and other structural and non-structural alternatives identified during scoping. The initial nourishment would require a large quantity of material. Viable borrow sources have not been identified. However, nearby Elson Lagoon could have suitable material and will be investigated as a borrow alternative. Excavation of borrow material from Elson Lagoon may have a dual purpose of creating a needed navigation channel for lightering barges and harboring local boats. Other borrow alternatives will be investigated.

Issues: Construction and gravel extraction for beach nourishment and other alternatives could affect protected wildlife. One of the structural constraints in developing storm damage reduction measures for Barrow is the need to identify an adequate source of sand and gravel (about 4 million cubic yards) within an economic transport range of the project site. The DEIS will consider the needs of the community to protect their infrastructure and the need to avoid significant adverse impacts to critical arctic environmental and traditional subsistence activities. The Barrow area is one of the remaining areas in Alaska where the threatened Steller's eider and spectacled eider sea ducks are known to nest. Elson Lagoon is highly productive for fish and waterfowl. Polar bears, seals, walruses,

and beluga and bowhead whales are found in near shore waters at different times of the year. One known archeological site is along Elson Lagoon, but the Chukchi Seas coastline has many archeological artifacts that continue to be uncovered. The DEIS will consider impacts to marine intertidal and subtidal communities, fish and wildlife, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, essential fish habitat, water quality, cultural resources, socio-economic resources, justifiable and practicable mitigation, and other resources and concerns identified through scoping, public involvement, and interagency coordination.

Scoping: A copy of this notice and additional public information will be sent to interested parties to initiate scoping. All parties are invited to participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns, issues, studies, and alternatives that should be considered. A scoping meeting will be held in June 2003 in Barrow, Alaska, at a place and time to be announced. The DEIS is estimated for release in spring 2007.

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Chief, Environmental Resources Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of partially-closed meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB).

Dates: May 20, 2003 (Partially-closed meeting). May 21, 2003 (Open meeting).

Times: 7:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m. (May 20, 2003). 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. (May 21, 2003).

Location: Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, Fort Detrick, MD (May 20, 2003, 8:20 a.m.-12 p.m.) and U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, 1425 Porter Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5011 (May 20, 2003, 12 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and May 21, 2003, see above).

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending and new Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, conduct subcommittee meetings, and conduct an executive working session.

For Further Information Contact: Colonel James R. Riddle, Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 682, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/3.

Supplementary Information: In the interest of national security, and in accordance with Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) section 552b(c)(1), the morning session on 20 May 2003 will be closed to the public. The afternoon session on 20 May and the entire session on 21 May will be open to the public. Open sessions of the meeting will be limited by space accommodations. The meeting will be open to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (1) thereof and Title 5, U.S.C., appendix 1, subsection 10(d). Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Security Education Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Defense University.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Secretary concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Pub. L. 102-183, as amended.

DATES: May 20, 2003.

ADDRESS: The Crystal City Marriott Hotel, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board meeting is open to the public.

Dated: April 10, 2003.

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