

applications, taking into account the following program policy factors: (a) Availability of funding, (b) duplication with ongoing Federal support, (c) institutional diversity and (d) inter-institutional collaboration. Successful applicants are then notified. Funded projects become a JHT activity with a duration of one to two years. Note that two-year proposals are initially funded for one year, with funding for a second year contingent upon a favorable review near the end of the first year and upon available W&AQR funds. Unsuccessful applications will be notified of the final selection upon completion of the review and selection process. Copies of all submitted preapplications and proposals will be retained by the JHT staff and will become the property of the U.S. Government.

#### **Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by 67 FR 66109 (October 30, 2002), are applicable to this solicitation.

#### **Intergovernmental Review**

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### **Services for the Deaf**

The NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research does not have direct Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) capabilities, but can be reached through the State of Maryland-supplied TDD contact number, 800-735-2258, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, and SF-LLL has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that

collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### **Executive Order 13132**

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 USC 553, or any other law, for this notice relating to public property, loans, grants benefits or contracts (5 USC 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 USC 601 *et seq.*, pursuant to Executive Orders 13256, 12900, and 13021, the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### **Department of the Navy**

#### **Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Military Operational Increases and Implementation of Associated Comprehensive Land Use Management and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, China Lake, CA**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act, of 1969 and the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on November 15, 2002, to evaluate proposed military operational increases

and implementation of associated Comprehensive Land Use Management (CLUMP) and Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA. A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1997, (62 FR 20160). Six public scoping meetings were held between May-June 1997. The Navy and BLM will conduct five public hearings to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the public hearings. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings for this DEIS.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** An open information session will precede the scheduled public hearing at each of the locations listed below. The open information session will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the public hearing beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Public hearings will be held at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, January 21, 2003, Kerr McGee Community Center, 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA.
- Wednesday, January 22, 2003, Inyokern Elementary, 6601 Locust Avenue, Inyokern, CA.
- Thursday, January 23, 2003, City of Barstow Council Chamber, 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, CA.
- Tuesday, January 28, 2003, Owens Valley Unified School District, 202 South Clay Street, Independence, CA.
- Wednesday, January 29, 2003, Trona School, 93600 Trona Road, Trona, CA.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action includes a moderate increase of military operations, continuation of current non-military activities, and implementation of the CLUMP and INRMP. The preferred alternative presented in the DEIS would allow approximately a 25 percent increase in the type, tempo, and location of military testing and evaluation and training operations. There are no significant environmental impacts associated with any of the alternatives, including the preferred alternative.

The DEIS has been distributed to various Federal, state, and local