

opportunities necessary for this Brigade to attain and sustain certification.

Since the 1940s, units stationed at Fort Richardson have conducted their live-fire munitions training at the Eagle River Flats Impact Area, the only permanent impact area on post. Training with a variety of high-explosive weapons continued at this location until the discovery in 1990 that white phosphorus (a substance contained in certain Army munitions) deposited into Eagle River Flats was causing large-scale mortality of dabbling waterfowl (e.g., ducks and swans). USARAK took several actions to address this situation. First, all firing at the Eagle River Flats Impact Area was suspended. Second, an Environmental Assessment to examine alternatives for resumption of firing was prepared—an analysis that led to the current “winter only” firing regimen. These restrictions are still in effect today and permit indirect live-fire at the Eagle River Flats Impact Area only when the ice is sufficiently thick to eliminate the risk of disturbing any underlying white phosphorus particles. Because of these restrictions, Fort Richardson units travel great distances to train elsewhere, resulting in deployment hardships on Soldiers and their Families, and additional annual expenditures associated with travel to distant facilities to conduct training. Third, USARAK supported a major Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) remediation effort to eliminate white phosphorus from the local ecosystem. Active CERCLA cleanup at Eagle River Flats is scheduled for completion early in 2010.

In addition to consideration of a No Action Alternative (continued use of the Eagle River Flats Impact Area under a “winter only” firing regimen), the DEIS analyzed two alternatives as possible scenarios for the resumption of a year round live-fire training opportunity at Fort Richardson: (1) Year-round use of the Eagle River Flats Impact Area and (2) the development of a new explosive munitions impact area on Fort Richardson. USARAK has identified resumption of year-round live-fire training at the Eagle River Flats Impact Area as its preferred alternative.

The DEIS is available for public review at local libraries and at http://www.usarak.army.mil/conservation/NEPA_home.htm. Comments from the public will be considered before any final decision is made. The Army plans to hold public meetings in Anchorage and Eagle River to provide information on the DEIS and to provide opportunities for public comment. In

addition, the Army will meet with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as several Alaska Native tribes.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Reopening of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Silver Strand Training Complex

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 3730) on January 22, 2010, for the Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public review period ended on March 8, 2010. This notice announces the reopening of the public comment period until March 30, 2010.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published January 22, 2010, at 75 FR 3730 is reopened. Comments are due by March 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest, Attention: Mr. Kent Randall, SSTC EIS Project Manager, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor, San Diego, CA 92132. In addition, comments may be submitted online at <http://www.silverstrandtrainingcomplexeis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period on the SSTC Draft EIS will be reopened until March 30, 2010. All written comments must be submitted online or postmarked by March 30, 2010, to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review at the following libraries: Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA; and Imperial Beach Branch Library, 810 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, CA. The SSTC Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing online.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kent Randall, SSTC EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering

Command Southwest, 1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, 5th Floor, San Diego, CA 92132; or <http://www.silverstrandtrainingcomplexeis.com>.

Dated: March 11, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Emergency Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, has submitted an emergency information collection request package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the retrospective Weatherization Assistance Program Evaluation for Program Years 2007 and 2008. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record. Information about the operation of the program, energy used before and after weatherization, energy used by control group low-income homes, the effectiveness of specific energy efficiency measures, customer satisfaction with the program, and non-energy benefits is needed for a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the program.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 31, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and Bruce Tonn, Environment Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, One Bethel Valley Road, P.O. Box 2008, MS-6038, Oak Ridge, TN 37381-6038, Fax#: (865) 576-8646, tonnbe@ornl.gov.