

input that will inevitably help determine and better define the underlying issues of the DEIS. Planned public meetings will be announced through local publications and online Internet access in advance of any proposed action, announcing meeting time and location.

A public meeting will be held on Fort Meade to facilitate input to the EIS process by citizens and organizations. The date and time of these meetings will be announced in the general media and will be at times and locations convenient to the public. To be considered in the Draft EIS, comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meeting.

Significant issues: Within Fort Meade's boundaries lie numerous historic and prehistoric sites that were identified through the Cultural Resources Management Plan. Fort Meade also maintains historically significant structures which are eligible for inclusion on the National Register and may be directly affected by the actions proposed in the long range Master Plan. Equally important is the impact Fort Meade has on the Chesapeake Bay and the crucial role it plays in maintaining and protecting which is considered one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. Fort Meade is also home to eleven State Endangered Species, including the Glassy Darter which is one of only two locations in the State of Maryland where the fish is known to exist.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Information Collection Request

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of amended information collection request.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) is amending the Notices of Proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The present notice is to inform the public that the Governing Board has cancelled one of two proposed research studies. The study

that was cancelled is on the feasibility of establishing a calibration linkage between a test form resembling an individual test and a survey of group results—the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The study is described in the January 18 and February 18, 2000 notices.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer; Department of Education; Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235; New Executive Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV. Submit written comments, on or before March 17, 2000, identified by "ICR: VNT Research and Validation Support Studies (Option Year 2)." The National Assessment Governing Board will forward to OMB any comments received from the public in response to the January 18, 2000 notice inviting requests for public comment on this ICR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice amends a proposed information collection request (ICR) of the National Assessment Governing Board (the Governing Board, or NAGB) published on January 18, 2000 and revised on February 18, 2000. The information collection is to conduct a research and validation support study related to test development for the proposed Voluntary National Test (VNT) during Spring 2000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of this ICR may be obtained from Ray Fields, Assistant Director, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 357-0395; e-mail: Ray_Fields@ED.Gov.

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Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Quarterly Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming quarterly meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES: March 16, 2000.

TIME: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thelma Leenhouts, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-2065; fax (202) 219-1528; e-mail: Thelma_Leenhouts@ed.gov, or nerpph@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Thelma Leenhouts at (202) 219-2065 by no later than March 9. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.