

users to advise the Space Weather Interagency Working Group (interagency working group) established by the National Science and Technology Council pursuant to 51 U.S.C. 60601(c). Duties include advising the interagency working group on the following: facilitating advances in the space weather enterprise of the United States; improving the ability of the United States to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from space weather phenomena; enabling the coordination and facilitation of research to operations and operations to research, as described in section 60604(d) of title 51, United States Code; and developing and implementing the integrated strategy under 51 U.S.C. 60601(c), including subsequent updates and reevaluations. The SWAG shall also conduct a recurring, comprehensive survey of the needs of users of space weather products to identify the space weather research, observations, forecasting, prediction, and modeling advances required to improve space weather products, as required by 51 U.S.C. 60601(d)(3).

II. Structure

The SWAG shall consist of not more than 15 members, including a chair, of whom: 5 members shall be representatives of the academic community; 5 members shall be representatives of the commercial space weather sector; and 5 members shall be nongovernmental representatives of the space weather end-user community. Members will be chosen to provide an appropriate range of views that represent the span of the space weather community and end-user sectors. Members shall serve in a representative capacity; they are, therefore, not Special Government Employees. As such, members are not subject to the ethics rules applicable to Government employees, except that they must not misuse Government resources or their affiliation with the Committee for personal purposes. All members of the SWAG will be appointed by the interagency working group for a 3-year term, with one member appointed by NOAA as the Chair. Members may not serve on the SWAG for more than two consecutive terms. A member of the SWAG may not serve as the Chair of the SWAG for more than two terms, regardless of whether the terms are consecutive. The SWAG will meet approximately three times each year, which may be conducted in person or by teleconference, webinar, or other means. Additional meetings may be called as appropriate, with approval by the Administrator of NOAA. Members

are reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel in accordance with Federal per diem expenses incurred in performing such duties but will not be reimbursed for their time. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SWAG's membership is required to be balanced in terms of viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed as well as appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

III. Nominations

Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties. An application is required to be considered for SWAG membership, regardless of whether a person is nominated by a third party or self-nominated. The application package must include: (1) the nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) identification of the nominee's area(s) of industry perspective—academia, commercial service provider, or end-user; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited by NOAA in this Notice; and (4) a current resume (maximum length four pages). All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package, and should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer of the SWAG at the electronic address provided above.

Dated: May 23, 2024.

Michael Farrar,

Director, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) will take place.

DATES: DACOWITS will hold an open to the public meeting—Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Association of the United States Army Conference Center, located at 2425 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The meeting will also be streamed virtually. To participate in the meeting, see the Meeting Accessibility section for instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colonel Samantha Frazier, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), (202) 650-2943 (voice), Samantha.j.frazier11.mil@mail.mil (email). The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website: <https://dacowits.defense.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information, including the agenda or any updates to the agenda, is available at the DACOWITS website, <https://dacowits.defense.gov/>. Materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained on the DACOWITS website.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the DACOWITS to receive briefings and have discussions on topics related to the recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being, and treatment of women in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Agenda: Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Welcome; Introductions; Announcements; Request for Information Status Update; Briefings from United States Military Entrance Processing (MEPS) Command and the Military Services' Medical Waiver Review Authorities on MEPS processes and medical waivers; Briefings from the Military Services' on recruiting barriers and challenges; Briefings from Military Community Advocacy Directorate, Military Criminal Investigative Organization, Defense Health Agency, and the Military Services on domestic abuse and intimate partner violence; DACOWITS discussion; and a Public Comment Period from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to availability of space, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 25, 2024. The meeting will also be

streamed by videoconference. The number of participants is limited and is on a first-come basis. Any member of the public who wishes to participate via videoconference must register by contacting DACOWITS at osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.dacowits@mail.mil or by contacting Mr. Robert Bowling at (703) 380-0116 no later than Monday, June 17, 2024. Once registered, the videoconference information will be provided.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special physical or electronic accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Robert Bowling no later than Monday, June 17, 2024, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit a written statement to the DACOWITS pertaining to its overall mission/scope or in response to the approved meeting agenda announced in this notice. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2024, to Mr. Robert Bowling, (703) 380-0116 (voice), or to osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.dacowits@mail.mil. Mailing address is 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 06E22, Alexandria, VA 22350. Members of the public interested in making an oral statement must submit a written statement of their comments. If a statement is not received by Monday, June 17, 2024, it may not be provided to or considered by the Committee during this quarterly business meeting. After reviewing the written statements, the Chair and the DFO will determine if the requesting persons are permitted to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations will be limited to two minutes. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DACOWITS Chair and will provide to all members of the Committee.

Dated: May 23, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Adoption of National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Categorical Exclusion Pursuant to a Section of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

AGENCY: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of adoption of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) categorical exclusion for habitat restoration.

SUMMARY: DARPA is adopting the NOAA categorical exclusion C1 for the restoration of coral reefs in south Florida. This notice describes the proposed action for which DARPA intends to use the NOAA categorical exclusion and details the consultation between the agencies.

DATES: This action is effective May 30, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Catherine Campbell, 703-526-2044 (Voice), Catherine.Campbell@darpa.mil (Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

National Environmental Policy Act and Categorical Exclusions

NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 requires all Federal agencies to assess the environmental impacts of their actions. Congress enacted NEPA to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between humans and the environment, recognizing the profound impact of human activity and the critical importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality to the overall welfare of humankind. NEPA seeks to ensure agencies consider the environmental effects of their proposed actions in their decision-making processes and inform and involve the public in that process. NEPA created the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which promulgated NEPA implementing regulations, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1500 through 1508 (CEQ regulations).

To comply with NEPA, agencies determine the appropriate level of review—an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Environmental Assessment (EA), or categorical exclusion. (42 U.S.C. 4336). If a proposed action is likely to have significant environmental effects, the agency must prepare an EIS and document its decision in a record of

decision. *Id.* If the proposed action is not likely to have significant environmental effects or the effects are unknown, the agency may instead prepare an EA, which involves a more concise analysis and process than an EIS. *Id.*

Following the EA, the agency may conclude the process with a finding of no significant impact if the analysis shows that the action will have no significant effects. If the analysis in the EA finds that the action is likely to have significant effects, however, then an EIS is required.

Under NEPA and the CEQ regulations, a Federal agency may establish in its NEPA implementing procedures categorical exclusions, which are categories of actions the agency has determined normally do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1501.4, 1507.3(e)(2)(ii), 1508.1(d)). If an agency determines that a categorical exclusion covers a proposed action, it then evaluates the proposed action for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant effect. (40 CFR 1501.4(b)). If no extraordinary circumstances are present or if further analysis determines that the extraordinary circumstances do not involve the potential for significant environmental impacts, the agency may apply the categorical exclusion to the proposed action without preparing an EA or EIS. (40 CFR 1501.4). If the extraordinary circumstances have the potential to result in significant effects, the agency is required to prepare an EA or EIS.

Section 109 of NEPA, enacted as part of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, allows a Federal agency to adopt a categorical exclusion listed in another agency's NEPA procedures for a category of proposed agency actions for which the categorical exclusion was established (42 U.S.C. 4336(c)). To adopt another agency's categorical exclusion under Section 109, an agency must identify the relevant categorical exclusion listed in that agency's ("establishing agency") NEPA procedures that cover its category of proposed actions or related actions; consult with the establishing agency to ensure that the proposed adoption of the categorical exclusion to a category of actions is appropriate; identify to the public the categorical exclusion that the agency plans to use for its proposed actions; and document adoption of the categorical exclusion. *Id.* This notice documents DARPA's adoption of NOAA's categorical exclusion under Section 109 of NEPA.