

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USSTRATCOM, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on November 19 and 20, 1998. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans. At this meeting, the SAG will discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified TOP SECRET in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (5 U.S.C. App 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Navy

Record of Decision for the Transfer and Reuse of Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Calverton, New York

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing the environmental implications of transferring Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Calverton out of Navy ownership, announces its decision to transfer the property to the Town of Riverhead, NY; the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation (NYSDEC); and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the entire Record of Decision is provided as follows:

Pursuant to Public Law (PL) 103-C337 and 104-106, Section 102(2)C of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*) and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA procedures (40 CFR 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its decision to transfer the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Calverton (NWIRP Calverton) to the Town of Riverhead, NY; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC); and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The transfer and subsequent reuse of these properties will be consistent with the preferred alternative as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared for this action.

Background

The transfer of this property has been authorized by two acts of legislation. Under PL 130-C-337, "the Secretary of the Navy may convey, without consideration, to the Community Development Agency of the Town of Riverhead, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land, and improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 2,900 (2,923) acres and comprising a portion of the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Calverton, New York". Also, the legislation allows for the transfer of the remaining 3,137 acres, consisting of flight operations buffer zones, to the NYSDEC. Under PL 104-106, "the Secretary of the Navy may transfer, without reimbursement, to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a parcel of real property consisting of approximately 150 acres located adjacent to the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton New York, and comprising a portion of the buffer zone of the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant, Calverton NY".

Alternatives Considered

The Navy considered three alternatives for reuse of the 2,923 acres of NWIRP Calverton and a no action alternative where the 2,923 acres would

be retained as federal property. The transfer of 3,137 acres to the NYSDEC and the transfer of 150 acres to the VA are components of each of the three reuse alternatives. The transfer of 3,137 acres is not a component of the no action alternative and transfer of this property to the NYSDEC and the transfer of 150 acres to the VA are independent of the decision to transfer the 2,923 acre parcel to the Town of Riverhead.

Transfer of the property to Riverhead, and its subsequent implementation of the Calverton Enterprise Park Reuse Plan, the preferred reuse alternative, would result in the development of a multi-use enterprise park with a core industrial complex and a limited industrial air park, with other uses including a theme park and attractions; commercial recreation; family entertainment center; stadium; golf course; and open space. The 3,137-acre flight operation buffer zones would remain in their natural (undeveloped) state and would be transferred to the NYSDEC.

The second reuse alternative is the Calverton Enterprise Park/Raceway Alternative. This alternative would retain many of the land uses of the preferred alternative with the most significant difference being that an automobile raceway complex of approximately 808 acres would replace the airport (835 acres). The automobile raceway would occupy much of the terrain as the airport proposed in the reuse plan. This alternative retains the industrial business park use and the existing 10,000 ft runway.

The third reuse alternative is the Peconic Village Alternative and, although this alternative includes some of the land use features of the other two alternatives (the industrial business park, hotel conference center, golf courses and open space), the site would be developed primarily as an age-restricted residential community containing an estimated 688 units of assisted living and 1,350 units of senior housing to accommodate a total of 2,889 residents. Approximately 260 acres of new buildings and paved areas would be expected. Combined with existing development, it is estimated that a total of 690 acres would be developed as buildings and/or paved areas.

Navy also evaluated a no action alternative that would leave the property in caretaker status with the Navy maintaining the physical condition of the property, providing a security force, and making repairs essential to safety.