

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Chemical and Biological Defense Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (CBDP PEIS)

1. Purpose: To provide information on the background to and the status of the CBDP PEIS project.
2. Facts:
 - a. In 1989 the Biological Defense Research Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (BDRP FPEIS) was completed. The BDRP FPEIS was undertaken as the result of litigation initiated by The Foundation on Economic Trends (FOET) in September 1986. FOET subsequently filed a new lawsuit that in 1991 resulted in the requirement for environmental assessments on all then current and proposed projects involving biosafety level-3 or level-4 containment.
 - b. In a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics & Environment, dated 15 July 1998, the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation and Chemical/Biological Defense [DATSD(CP/CBD)] restated the Army's executive agency responsibility for the DoD biological defense research, development, and acquisition programs (BDRDAP), and tasked the Army to assess and document the potential environmental impacts of the BDRDAP via a re-examination of the BDRP FPEIS.
 - c. The U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) initiated a project to complete the BDRDAP environmental assessment (EA) in the spring and summer of 1999. An Integrated Product Team (IPT) was formed, met, and approved a charter; a data call was issued; a strawman approach was developed; and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology assumed responsibility as the approval authority for the BDRDAP EA.
 - d. In January 2000 the new DATSD(CBD) (Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar) was briefed on the status of the BDRDAP EA. After a number of meetings, she issued a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations & Environment, dated June 13, 2000, supporting the expansion of the BDRDAP EA effort into an environmental impact statement of the chemical as well as biological defense program.

- e. The scope of the program to be analyzed will include the six commodity areas (contamination avoidance, individual protection, collective protection, decontamination, medical defense, and modeling and simulation) of DoD's coordinated CBDP over which the DATSD(CBD) has oversight responsibility and retains approval authority for all planning, programming, and budgeting documents; and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Biological Warfare Defense Program.
- f. The CBDP PEIS project, scheduled for completion in February 2003, will be executed under a USAMRMC contract with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The USAMRMC Environmental Coordinator Dr. Bob Carton serves as the task order contracting officer's representative (TOCOR) on this delivery order.
- g. The technical approach and public involvement activities for the CBDP PEIS will be directed and validated by an IPT formed by the DATSD(CBD). The IPT will be composed of senior personnel from the DoD and the services and will be chaired by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health). The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology will be the approval authority for the CBDP PEIS.