



Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS



NEPA Process and Community Involvement

Why is the Navy preparing an EIS/OEIS?

The U.S. Navy is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential effects on the environment from current and ongoing Navy activities as well as from potential adjustments in training and testing activities as the Navy plans for the future. This EIS/OEIS will assist the Navy in consolidating and renewing regulatory permits and authorizations under various environmental laws and regulations.

The EIS/OEIS also gives the Navy the opportunity to review its procedures to ensure that the benefits of recent scientific and technological advances are applied toward minimizing potential environmental effects.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires federal agencies to examine the potential environmental effects of their activities in order to allow informed decision-making. An EIS is a detailed public document that provides an assessment of the potential effects a federal action may have on the human, natural or cultural environment.

An OEIS is prepared to comply with U.S. Executive Order 12114, *Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*, of 1979. The Executive Order requires federal agencies to consider the potential effects of their actions on the environment outside the U.S. territorial sea. The U.S. territorial sea extends 12 nautical miles from shore.

How can the community be involved?

Community involvement is a critical part of the EIS/OEIS process and there are a number of opportunities for the public to participate throughout the EIS/OEIS development. In August 2010, the Navy is holding six scoping meetings in an open house format to inform the public about the proposed action and to receive public comments on resource areas to be studied in the environmental analysis. During the open house, informational poster stations and Navy project team representatives are available to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the NEPA process, proposed action and alternatives.

Where can I find more information?

The Navy has established a website, www.HSTTEIS.com, where the public can find project documents, fact sheets and additional information. The website also provides background information on environmental topics referenced in project documents. Project information and environmental documents may also be viewed at the following locations:

San Diego Central Library

820 E St.
San Diego, CA 92101

Long Beach Main Library

101 Pacific Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90822

Lihue Public Library

4344 Hardy St.
Lihue, HI 96766

Hawaii State Library

Hawaii and Pacific Section Document Unit
478 South King St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hilo Public Library

300 Waianuenue Ave.
Hilo, HI 96720

Wailuku Public Library

251 High St.
Wailuku, HI 96793

NEPA Process and Timeline. The public participates in the NEPA process by helping to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives during the scoping period and by evaluating the analysis of the proposed action and alternatives during the public review period. All public comments are considered, and the Navy will not proceed with the proposed action until the NEPA process is complete.



The Navy Appreciates Your Input

Public involvement is a fundamental part of the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS development, and the U.S. Navy wants and appreciates your comments. The Navy has established several venues and informational resource areas for the public to learn more and provide input.

Comments on the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS will be accepted via mail or the project website as part of the scoping process. All comments should be submitted no later than September 14, 2010, for consideration in the Draft Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS.

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MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS/OEIS	Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register starts the initial public involvement phase of the process.	July 15, 2010
◆ Scoping Period	The scoping process actively involves the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS as well as other potential alternatives to accomplish the purpose and need. The comment period for this EIS/OEIS will end on September 14, 2010, providing a 60-day comment period, 15 days more than the minimum required under NEPA.	Point Loma, CA: August 4, 2010 Lakewood/ Long Beach, CA: August 5, 2010 Lihue, HI: August 24, 2010 Honolulu, HI: August 25, 2010 Hilo, HI: August 26, 2010 Kahului, HI: August 27, 2010
Draft EIS/OEIS	The Draft EIS/OEIS presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and each of the identified alternatives, including a no action alternative. The Draft EIS/OEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. The Draft EIS/OEIS will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	Spring 2012
◆ Public Hearings and Comment Period	NEPA regulations allow a minimum of 45 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted at the public hearings, via U.S. postal mail or on the project website.	Spring 2012
Final EIS/OEIS	The Final EIS/OEIS is an update to the Draft EIS/OEIS based on comments received during the public hearings and comment period. The Notice of Availability for the Final EIS/OEIS is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers. The Final EIS/OEIS will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	Summer 2013
◆ 30-Day Wait Period	Regulations provide for a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS/OEIS is published before the agency may take final action. During that period, in addition to the agency's own internal final review, the public and other agencies can comment on the Final EIS/OEIS prior to the agency's final action on the proposal.	Summer/Fall 2013
Record of Decision	After the 30-day wait period and considering public comment on the potential environmental effects, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) will select an alternative and issue a Record of Decision. A notice of the Record of Decision is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers and made available to the public.	Fall 2013

◆ Opportunities for Public Review and Comment ■ Complete ■ In Progress

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