



## Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing EIS/OEIS

# NEPA Process and Community Involvement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires U.S. federal agencies to consider the potential environmental consequences of their proposed actions to allow informed decision-making. 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 U.S. Navy will not proceed with the proposed action until the NEPA process is complete.

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.	<b>Point Loma, CA:</b> August 4, 2010 <b>Lakewood/ Long Beach, CA:</b> August 5, 2010 <b>Lihue, HI:</b> August 24, 2010 <b>Honolulu, HI:</b> August 25, 2010 <b>Hilo, HI:</b> August 26, 2010 <b>Kahului, HI:</b> 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