

7. Impacts to public facilities and utilities.

8. Traffic, including navigation issues, and transportation related impacts.

9. Environmental justice.

10. Cumulative impacts.

11. Growth-inducing impacts.

4. *Alternatives.* Alternatives initially being considered for the proposed project development include the following:

(1) Marine Container Terminal with Rail Access and Back Channel Improvements (Preferred Alternative);

(2) Marine Container Terminal with Rail Access and Reduced Wharf and Back Channel Improvements;

(3) Multi-Use Storage Facility without Wharf and Back Channel Improvements (No Federal Action); and

(4) No Project/No Federal Action Alternative.

5. *Scoping Process.* The Corps and the Port will jointly conduct a scoping meeting for the proposed project. English and Spanish translation services will be provided at the meeting. The public scoping meeting will be held to receive public comment and assess public concerns regarding the appropriate scope of the DEIS/DEIR. Participation in the public meeting by federal, state, and local agencies and other interested organizations and persons is encouraged. The Corps will also be consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act and Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Additionally, the EIS/EIR will assess the consistency of the proposed Action with the Coastal Zone Management Act and potential water quality impacts pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The public scoping meeting for the Draft EIS/EIR will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers in Long Beach on February 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Written comments will be received until March 14, 2007.

6. *Availability of the DEIS/DEIR.* The joint lead agencies expect the DEIS/DEIR to be published and circulated in July of 2007. A Public Hearing will be held during the public comment period for the DEIS/DEIR.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

**David J. Castanon,**

*Chief, Regulatory Branch, Los Angeles District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

[No. USN-2007-0005]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Naval Academy announces the proposed extension of a currently approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, write to the Admissions Office, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5017, or contact LCDR Eric Brown at telephone number (410) 293-1822.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Candidate Application

Procedures for the United States Naval Academy; USNA GRB 1110/11, 1110/12, 1110/14, 1110/15, 1110/91, 1110/92, and 1531/34; OMB Control Number 0703-0036.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary to determine the eligibility and evaluate overall competitive standing of candidates for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. An analysis of the information collected is made by the Admissions Board during the process in order to gauge the qualifications of individual candidates.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Federal Government.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 56,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 14,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

This collection of information is necessary to determine the eligibility and evaluate overall competitive standing of candidates for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. An analysis of the information collected is made by the Admissions Board during the process in order to gauge the qualifications of individual candidates.

Dated: January 18, 2007.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Navy Atlantic Fleet Training in the Jacksonville Range Complex and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Overseas EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with

naval training in the Jacksonville (JAX) Range Complex. The Navy proposes to support current and emerging training operations and research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities at the JAX Range Complex by: (1) Maintaining baseline operations at current levels; (2) increasing training operations from current levels as necessary to support the Fleet Readiness Training Plan (FRTP); (3) accommodating mission requirements associated with force structure changes; and (4) implementing enhanced range complex capabilities. The EIS/OEIS study area is the JAX Range Complex which consists of targets and instrumented areas, airspace, surface and subsurface operations areas (OPAREAs), and land range facilities. Together the JAX Range Complex encompasses: 27 square miles of land area; 62,596 nm<sup>2</sup> of special use airspace (SUA); and 50,090 nm<sup>2</sup> of sea space. The scope of actions to be analyzed in this EIS/OEIS includes current and proposed future Navy training, and RDT&E activities, within Navy-controlled operating areas, airspace, and ranges. It also includes proposed Navy-funded range capabilities enhancements, including infrastructure improvements that support range complex training and RDT&E activities. Training activities that involve the use of active sonar are conducted in the JAX Range Complex; however, those potential effects are being analyzed in detail in a separate document, the Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training EIS/OEIS. This separate sonar EIS/OEIS addresses active sonar use as a whole by the Atlantic Fleet in the eastern Atlantic Ocean (including waters that are part of the JAX Range Complex), and in the Gulf of Mexico. The results of this sonar EIS/OEIS will be incorporated into the JAX Range Complex EIS/OEIS to account for active sonar effects that could occur within the geographic area of the JAX Range Complex.

**Dates and Addresses:** Public scoping meetings will be held to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS in the following cities: Charleston, South Carolina; Beaufort, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and Jacksonville, Florida. Public scoping open houses will be held at the following dates, times, and locations: February 20, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, SC; February 21, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the U.S. Army National Guard Armory in Beaufort, SC; February 22, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, GA; and

February 23, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Sea Turtle Inn, Atlantic Beach in Jacksonville, FL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Conway, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, 904-542-6159.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navy's mission is to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. For that reason, 10 U.S.C. 5062 directs the Chief of Naval Operations to train all naval forces for combat. The Chief of Naval Operations meets that direction, in part, by conducting at-sea training exercises and ensuring naval forces have access to ranges, OPAREAs, and airspace where they can develop and maintain skills for wartime missions and conduct RDT&E of naval weapons systems. As such, Navy ranges, OPAREAs, and airspace must be maintained and/or enhanced to accommodate necessary training and testing activities in support of national security objectives.

The purpose of the proposed action is to: Achieve and maintain Fleet readiness using the JAX Range Complex to support current, emerging, and future training operations and RDT&E operations; expand warfare missions; and upgrade/modernize existing range capabilities to enhance and sustain Navy training and testing.

The need for the proposed action is to provide combat capable forces ready to deploy worldwide in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 5062. Specifically, maintain current levels of military readiness by training in the JAX Range Complex; accommodate future increases in operational training tempo in the JAX Range Complex and support the rapid deployment of naval units or strike groups; achieve and sustain readiness in ships and squadrons so that the Navy can quickly deploy significant combat power to multiple areas around the world at the same time in the event of a national crisis or contingency operation and consistent with the FRTP; support the testing and training needed for new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems; and maintain the long-term viability of the JAX Range Complex while protecting human health and the environment.

Three alternatives will be evaluated in the EIS/OEIS including: (1) The No Action Alternative comprised of baseline operations and support of existing range capabilities; (2) Alternative 1 comprised of the No Action Alternative plus additional operations, expanded warfare missions, accommodation of force structure

changes including training resulting from the introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems, and the implementation of enhancements to range infrastructure; and (3) Alternative 2, comprised of Alternative 1 plus additional increases in training, and implementation of enhancements that will optimize training throughput in support of future contingencies. The EIS/OEIS will evaluate the environmental effects associated with: Airspace; noise; range safety; natural land resources; water resources; air quality; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; land use; socioeconomic resources; infrastructure; and cultural resources. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other Navy activities in the Range Complex. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS/OEIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment).

The Navy is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the Navy to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Written comments must be postmarked by March 13, 2007 and should be mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southeast, Building 135, PO Box 151, Ajax Street, Jacksonville, FL 32212-0151, Attention: Mr. John D. Conway, PG.

Dated: January 18, 2007.

**M.A. Harivson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.