

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (ID# SEIS-007-17-USN-1723491961)**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act- (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Presidential Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (DoN), as the lead agency, and U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) have prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) that evaluates the reasonably foreseeable effects on the human environment of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard training and testing activities conducted within the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Study Area.

DATES: The 60-day public comment period begins on September 20, 2024, and ends November 21, 2024. The comment period includes an additional 15 calendar days (from the required 45 days) to allow the public more time to review and comment. The public can submit comments during the Draft EIS/OEIS public review and comment period at one of the in-person public meetings, online at the project website, or by U.S. mail. All comments must be postmarked or received electronically by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on November 21, 2024, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Three in-person public meetings in the form of an open-house will be held to inform the public about the proposed action and alternatives and about the opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The in-person public meetings will be held as follows:

1. Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740.

2. Thursday, October 10, 2024, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

3. Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Central Daylight Time

(CDT)) New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway, 3838 N Causeway Blvd., Metairie, LA 70002.

Two virtual public meetings in the form of a webinar and question and answer session will be held for the public to learn about the proposed action and alternatives. The virtual public meetings will be held as follows:

1. Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT.

2. Thursday, October 24, 2024, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT.

Registration for the virtual public meetings is available at the project website www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis/. Recordings of the virtual public meetings will be posted to the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis/ for the public to view following their completion.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS may be provided at the in-person public meetings, submitted electronically through the project website: www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis/, or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic; Attention: Code EV22SG (AFTT EIS Project Managers); 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Fleet Forces Command, 1562 Mitscher Avenue Suite 250, Norfolk, VA 23551-2487, Attention: Mr. Theodore Brown, Installations and Environment Public Affairs Officer, 757-836-4427, theodore.c.brown4.civ@us.navy.mil, or visit the project website www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoN and Coast Guard's Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness training activities, and research, development, testing, and evaluation activities in the AFTT Study Area. These military readiness activities include the use of active sonar and explosives within existing range complexes and testing ranges and additional areas located in the Atlantic Ocean along the eastern coast of North America, in portions of the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, at Navy pierside locations and port transit channels, near civilian ports, and in bays, harbors, and inland waterways (e.g., the lower Chesapeake Bay). These military readiness activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the AFTT EIS/OEIS completed in 2018 and are representative of training and testing that the Navy has been conducting in the AFTT Study Area for decades. Since the completion of the 2018 Final EIS/OEIS, the best available science has been updated, the regulatory environment has changed, the Study

Area has changed, and what is known about our impacts has been refined. All of this has been incorporated into this Supplemental EIS/OEIS analysis. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a Cooperating Agency for the Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure the Action Proponents, including the Coast Guard, are able to organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions in accordance with their Congressionally mandated requirements.

Potential direct, indirect, cumulative, short-term, long-term, irreversible, and irretrievable impacts to the environment from two action alternatives and a No Action Alternative are evaluated in the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Resources evaluated in detail include air quality, sediments and water quality, vegetation, invertebrates, marine habitats, fish, marine mammals, sea turtles and other marine reptiles, and birds and bats.

Based on the results of the analysis, the DoN and Coast Guard have requested from NMFS a Letter of Authorization in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act to authorize the incidental take of marine mammals that may result from the implementation of the activities analyzed in the AFTT Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, DoN and Coast Guard are consulting with NMFS and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to federally listed species. DoN and Coast Guard will complete all required consultations and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS addresses mitigation measures designed to help reduce or avoid potential impacts to marine resources, including new mitigation measures that include expanded location-specific mitigations and updates to activity-based mitigation measures. In addition, the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS addresses marine species monitoring efforts designed to track compliance with authorizations and to investigate the effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented as part of the Proposed Action. The proposed mitigation measures would be implemented under either action alternative to maximize the mitigation benefits to the environment.

Mitigation measures are being coordinated through the consultation and permitting processes. DoN and Coast Guard will also consider public

comments on proposed mitigation measures described in this Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Comments submitted during the public comment period at the in-person public meetings, electronically via the project website, or mailed to the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section will become part of the public record. Substantive comments will be considered in the development of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Notice of the availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS was distributed to federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations. Copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

1. Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library, 900 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
2. Broward County Main Library, 100 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.
3. Camden County Public Library, 1410 GA-40, Kingsland, GA 31548.
4. Corpus Christi La Retama Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.
5. East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, LA 70001.
6. New Bedford Free Public Library Casa de Saudade Branch, 58 Crapo Street #1, New Bedford, MA 02740.
7. Onslow County Public Library, 58 East Doris Avenue, Jacksonville, NC 28540.
8. Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland, ME 04101.
9. Providence Public Library, 150 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903.
10. West Florida Public Library, Southwest Branch, 12248 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, FL 32507.

Copies of the AFTT Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS are available for electronic viewing at www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis/. A paper copy of the Executive Summary and a single compact disc (CD) of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic, Attention: Code EV22SG (AFTT EIS Project Managers), 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278.

Dated: September 12, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Performance Report for Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the "View Supporting Statement and Other Documents" link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Rebecca Ell, 202-453-6348.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in

response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Performance report for Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0748.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 291.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,274.

Abstract: Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program grantees must submit a performance report annually. In addition, grantees are required to submit a supplement to the final performance report two years after submission of their final report. The reports are used to evaluate grantee performance. Further, the data from the reports will be aggregated to evaluate the accomplishments and impact of the GAANN Program as a whole. Results will be reported to the Secretary in order to respond to performance requirements.

Dated: September 17, 2024.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Indian Education Professional Development Grants Program: GPRA and Service Payback Data Collection

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education (ED).

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