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Navy to Host Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Meeting in Norfolk, Va. (Meeting will now be held at Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center)

The Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects from training and testing activities conducted within the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Study Area.

With the filing of the Draft EIS/OEIS, the Navy initiated a 60-day public comment period and has scheduled five public meetings to receive comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. The second public meeting will now be held Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center, Norfolk, Va., from 4-8 p.m. Previous press releases indicated the meeting would be held at Nauticus, adjacent to the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center).

The public meeting will be conducted in an open-house format with informational stations staffed by Navy representatives. These representatives will be available during the meeting to clarify information related to the Draft EIS/OEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, and interested groups and individuals are encouraged to provide written comments in person at any of the public meetings. Comments may also be submitted by U.S. postal mail or electronically via the project website (www.AFTTEIS.com).

Written comments may be submitted by mail to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Attn: Code EV22KP (AFTT EIS Project Managers), 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278 and through the project website; all written comments must be postmarked or received by August 29, 2017. All statements submitted during the public review period will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS/OEIS and will be considered in preparation of the Final EIS/OEIS.

Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the Slover Memorial Main Library, 235 East Plume Street, Norfolk, Va.

Copies of the AFTT Draft EIS/OEIS are also available for electronic viewing at www.AFTTEIS.com. A paper copy of the Executive Summary and a single compact disc (CD) of the Draft EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Attn: Code EV22KP (AFTT EIS Project Managers), 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278.