

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) PROCESS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing EIS/OEIS

MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS/OEIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins the initial public involvement phase of the EIS/OEIS process 	July 15, 2010
Scoping Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted prior to the start of environmental analysis • Actively involves the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS • Provides a 60-day comment period • Ends Sept. 14, 2010 <p>Opportunity for Public Review and Comment</p>	August/September 2010
Draft EIS/OEIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and each of the identified alternatives • Available for public and agency review and comment • Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties 	Winter 2011/2012
Public Hearings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides the public with a minimum of 45 days to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS <p>Opportunity for Public Review and Comment</p>	Winter 2011/2012
Final EIS/OEIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update to the Draft EIS/OEIS based on comments received during the public hearings and comment period • Announced via a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers • Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties 	Summer 2013
30-Day Wait Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS/OEIS is published 	Summer/Fall 2013
Record of Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows the 30-day wait period and consideration of potential environmental effects • Includes selection of an alternative by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) • Announced via a notice of Record of Decision in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers • Made available to interested parties 	Fall 2013

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