

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES



Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing EIS/OEIS

Proposed Action

The U.S. Navy proposes to:

Conduct military training and testing activities, including the use of active sonar and explosives, in the waters off the east coast of the United States, the lower Chesapeake Bay and Gulf of Mexico.

Purpose of and Need for the Proposed Action

To achieve and maintain Fleet readiness by conducting military training and testing activities to:

- Meet the requirements of Title 10 of the U.S. Code
- Attain compliance with applicable environmental regulations

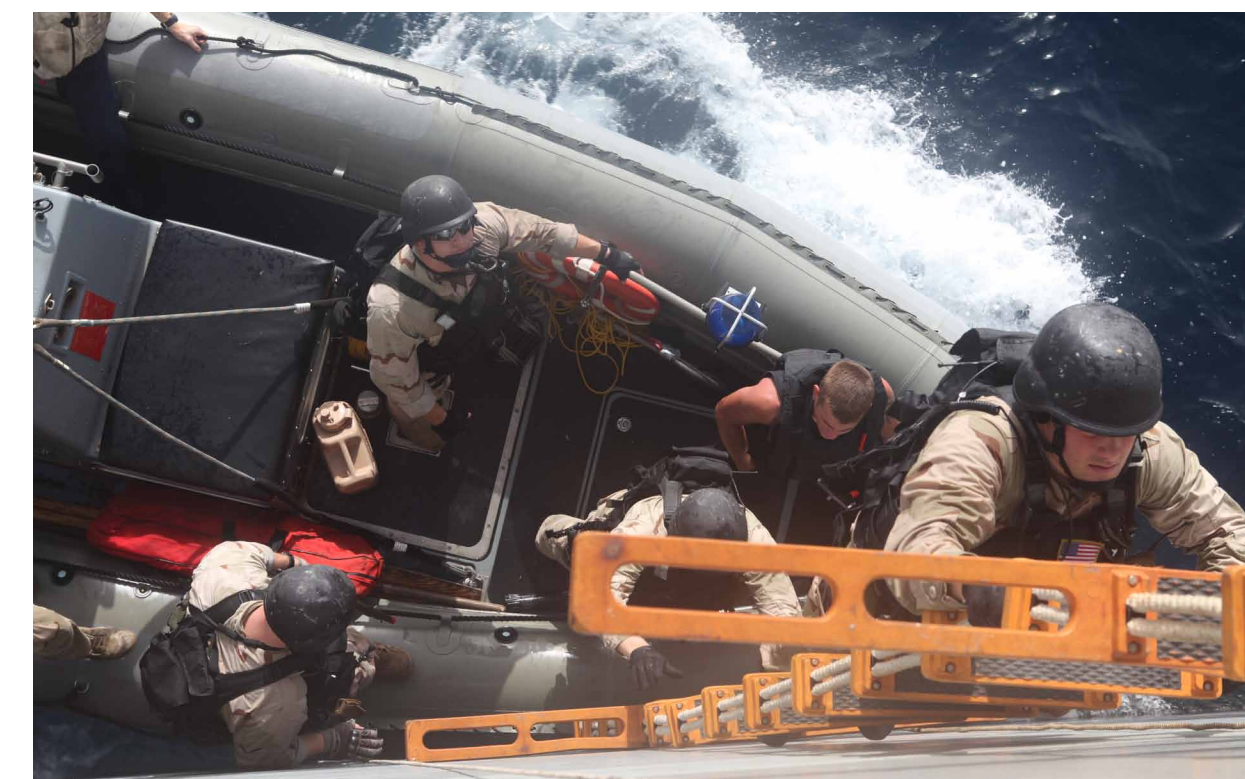
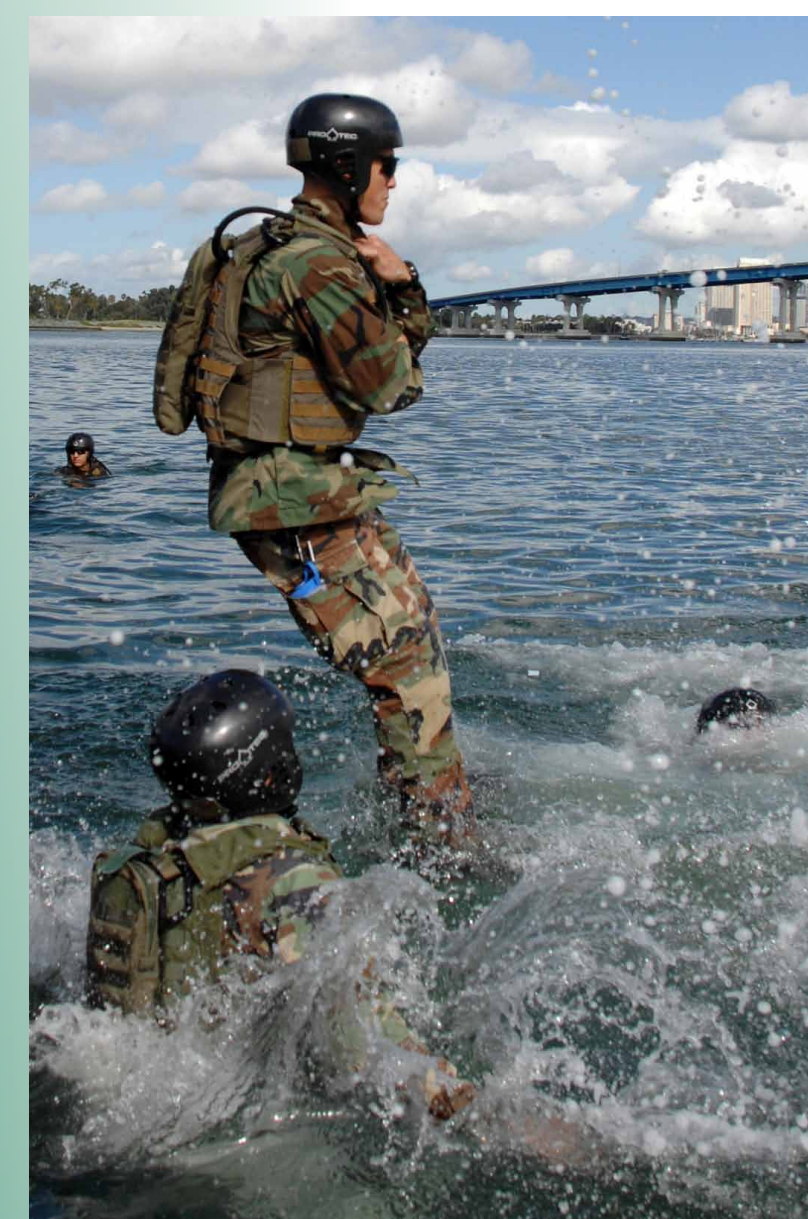


Evaluating Alternatives



No Action Alternative

Continue baseline training and testing and force structure requirements



Alternative 1

No Action Alternative, plus:

- Adjust study area boundaries
- Adjust locations and levels of training and testing
- Change training and testing requirements to accommodate:
 - Force structure changes
 - Development and introduction of new ships, aircraft and weapons systems



Alternative 2

Alternative 1, plus:

- Increase types and levels of training and testing
- Implement additional range enhancements and infrastructure requirements

