

information, including NPDES documents). The DEIS Executive Summary can also be viewed at the following web site: <http://www.northstareis.com>.

5. Copies of the DEIS and appendices are also available for public review at:

- a. Alaska Resources Library and Information Services, 3150 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.
- b. Z.J. Loussac Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.
- c. Tuzzy Consortium Library, Barrow, Alaska.
- d. North Slope Borough Office, Barrow, Alaska.
- e. Barrow City Office, Barrow, Alaska.
- f. Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Office, Barrow, Alaska.
- g. Nuiqsut City Office, Nuiqsut, Alaska.
- h. Kaktovik City Office, Kaktovik, Alaska.
- i. Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.
- j. Valdez Consortium Library, P.O. Box 609, Valdez, Alaska 99686.
- k. Juneau Public Library, 292 Marine Way, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

6. This DEIS is intended to meet the NEPA compliance and/or other public notice requirements for the following agency actions:

- a. *Corps of Engineers*: Section 10, Rivers and Harbors Act; Section 404, Clean Water Act; Section 103, Marine Protection, Resources, and Sanctuary Act.
- b. *Environmental Protection Agency*: Section 402, Clean Water Act (NPDES); Part C, Safe Drinking Water Act (UIC).
- c. *Minerals Management Service*: Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Development and Production Plan.

7. EPA's draft 402 NPDES and UIC permits and explanatory fact sheets are included in this DEIS as Appendices F, G, H, and J and are intended for public review and comment.

8. The MMS is requesting comments on the Northstar Project Description (Appendix A of the DEIS, and analyzed as Alternative 2 in the DEIS). The Northstar development project includes drilling wells into, and producing oil from, two OCS leases, and requires an approved Development and Production Plan (DPP). The Northstar Project Description (Appendix A) was developed to meet the submission requirements under 30 CFR 250.34 for a DPP. The MMS has determined that the Project Description, in conjunction with the DEIS, meets the requirements under 30 CFR 250.34(f). The Northstar development offshore facilities will be located on State of Alaska submerged lands. An oil spill contingency plan will be submitted pursuant to 30 CFR 254.50

and 254.53. The plan will be reviewed under the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation process, and is not part of either the DEIS or DPP.

9. No OCS action to approve, disapprove, or require modification to the DPP will be taken by MMS until the Final EIS is released. No OCS development and production activities can be conducted unless and until the DPP is approved as required by 30 CFR 250.34(1).

10. A Biological Assessment, as required by the Endangered Species Act, is included as Appendix B to the DEIS. This document will be used to initiate formal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the USFWS and NMFS on three species: the endangered bowhead whale, and the threatened spectacled and Steller's eiders.

11. All written comments on the DEIS, draft NPDES permit, draft UIC permit, or DPP should be sent to: Ms. Terry Carpenter, Project Manager, Regulatory Branch, Alaska District Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, AK 99506-0898. Comments specific to EPA's draft permit will be forwarded to EPA for their consideration, and those specific to MMS's DPP will be forwarded to MMS.

12. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting public workshops at 5 locations in Alaska early in the 60-day comment period. These workshops are intended to help the public become familiar with the DEIS and the draft NPDES and UIC permits.

13. To collect oral and written comments on the DEIS (Corps), the draft NPDES and UIC permits (EPA), or the DPP (MMS), separately scheduled public hearings will be held at the same 5 locations in Alaska. A court reporter will record the proceedings at each public hearing.

14. The public workshops and public hearings will be held on the following dates:

- a. *Public Workshops*:
 - (1) Tuesday, June 23, 1998, 7:30 p.m.—Nuiqsut Community Center, Nuiqsut, Alaska.
 - (2) Wednesday, June 24, 1998, 6:00 p.m.—Kaktovik Community Center, Kaktovik, Alaska.
 - (3) Thursday, June 25, 1998, 7:30 p.m.—North Slope Borough Assembly Room, Barrow, Alaska.
 - (4) Tuesday, June 30, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—BLM Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska.
 - (5) Wednesday, July 1, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—Federal Building Conference Room, Anchorage, Alaska.
- b. *Public Hearings*:

(1) Monday, July 13, 1998, 7:30 p.m.—North Slope Borough Assembly Room, Barrow, Alaska.

(2) Tuesday, July 14, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—Kaktovik Community Center, Kaktovik, Alaska.

(3) Wednesday, July 15, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—Nuiqsut Community Center, Nuiqsut, Alaska.

(4) Thursday, July 16, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—BLM Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska.

(5) Monday, July 20, 1998, 7:00 p.m.—Wilda Marston Theatre at Z.J. Loussac Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

15. An Inupiat translator will be available at the public hearings held in Barrow, Kaktovik and Nuiqsut. Oral and written comments on the DEIS received during the public review period will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

16. The federal permits and approvals are also subject to review for consistency with the State Coastal Management Program. Coastal Consistency review of the Northstar development project will be initiated on June 1, 1998 with release of the DEIS.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the Environmental Protection Agency the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD. A public hearing will be held for the purpose to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

DATES: Hearing dates are as follows:

1. June 10, 1998, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Lusby, MD
2. June 15, 1998, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Cambridge, MD
3. June 17, 1998, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Heathsville, VA

ADDRESSES: Hearing locations are as follows:

1. Lusby—Patuxent High School, 12485 Rousby Hall Road, Lusby, MD
2. Cambridge—Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, 2474 Cambridge Bypass, Cambridge, MD
3. Heathsville—Northumberland High School, 6234 Northumberland Highway (US Route 360), Heathsville, VA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sue Evans or Ms. Kelly Burdick, (888) 276-5201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implemental procedure provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Increased Flight and Related Operations in the Patuxent River Complex, Patuxent River, MD. This notice announces the dates and locations of the public hearings.

The DEIS identifies and evaluates the potential environmental impacts of increasing flight and related ground operations in test areas of the Patuxent River Complex that are controlled and scheduled by the Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). The complex includes all the flight and ground test facilities at NAS Patuxent River and OLF Webster Field Annex, as well as the restricted airspaces, aerial and surface firing range, and targets (Hooper, Hannibal, and Tangier Island) comprising the Chesapeake Test Range (CTR). The DEIS assesses the impacts of the no action alternative and three proposed future operations workload alternatives. The no action alternative would maintain the complex's current level of flight hours into the future (18,400 annually, which represents an approximate ten-year average of annual flight hours). The three workload alternatives propose increases in baseline operations by as few as 2,500 annual flight hours or as many as 6,200 annual flight hours.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on April 1, 1997 and five public scoping meetings were held between May 6 and May 15, 1997. A Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1998.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, the public, and the media. In addition, copies are available

for review at 18 repositories around the Chesapeake Bay:

- Anne Arundel South County Branch Library, Deale, MD.
- Caroline County Public Library, Denton, MD.
- Calvert County Public Library, Prince Frederick, MD.
- Dorchester County Central Library, Cambridge, MD.
- Somerset County Libraries, Deale Island, Princess Anne, and Ewell (Smith Island), MD.
- St. Mary's County Libraries, Lexington Park and Leonardtown, MD.
- St. Mary's College Library, St. Mary's City, MD.
- Talbot County Libraries, Easton and Oxford, MD.
- Worcester County Library, Pocomoke City, MD.
- Eastern Shore Public Library, Accomac, VA.
- Central Rappahannock Law Library, Fredericksburg, VA.
- Northumberland County Library, Heathsville, VA.
- Tangier Island Public School Library, Tangier, VA.
- Laurel Public Library, Laurel, DE.

Three public hearings will be held to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit and receive oral and written comments. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Navy will set up information stations that will describe the findings of the DEIS. Navy staff will be available to answer questions from meeting attendees and receive comments. At 7:00 p.m., a formal public hearing will be held where oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure accuracy of the record, all statements delivered at the public hearing should be submitted in writing. All comments, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Ms. Sue Evans at Office of Legal Counsel, 47031 Liljencrantz Road, Bldg. 435, Mail Stop 39, Patuxent River, MD 20670-5440, fax (301) 342-1840. Written comments are requested not later than June 29, 1998.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the