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Comments and Responses

This appendix contains the public comments received on the Draft EIS during the public comment period, from August 2, 2003, through October 11, 2003. It is a three-part appendix, with the public comments organized as follows:

Part 1:

- Public Hearing Transcripts (*e.g.*, individually recorded statements, provided either during the open information session or the formal public hearing); and
- Comment Letters
 - Government representatives
 - Government review agencies
 - Organizations and associations.

The public hearing transcripts are organized by the location of the public hearing. Comment letters from government representatives and review agencies are organized by jurisdiction (*i.e.*, federal, state, or local), and the comment letters from organizations and associations are organized by state.

Part 2:

- Comment Letters from Concerned Citizens
 - Virginia
 - South Carolina
 - Georgia
 - Other Locations

The comment letters from concerned citizens include the database entries and comment sheets provided at each of the public hearing locations, as well as other written letters and cards. Comment letters are organized by the commentor's state and county of residence.

Part 3:

- Comment Letters from Concerned Citizens
 - North Carolina

The comment letters from concerned citizens include the database entries and comment sheets provided at each of the public hearing locations, as well as other written letters and

cards. Comment letters from concerned citizens in North Carolina are organized by the commentor's county of residence.

Each individual transcript and comment letter received during the public comment period has been reproduced in Appendix H, with the following exceptions. The Navy received duplicate letters from some of the concerned citizens and a number of form letters. Because the response to each form letter is the same, regardless of the number of letters received, each form letter has been reproduced only once. However, the number of copies of that form letter has been recorded. In addition, letters that had been sent to the Secretary of the Navy and Congressional or state representatives from concerned citizens regarding the proposed action were forwarded as public comments on the DEIS. These letters have been reproduced as well, although any duplicates identified were omitted. In addition, because of the volume of comments received, attachments to letters (e.g., maps, newspaper articles) have been omitted unless specific comments were contained within these attachments.

The public hearings were recorded by a court reporter, and the verbal comments received are reproduced in the verbatim transcript of each speaker. The individual transcripts were filed in alphabetical order to assist in locating comments, rather than retain the actual speaking order from the public hearing. Opening remarks and presentation of the DEIS by Navy representatives have been omitted from the verbatim transcript.

Comments within each transcript or comment letter are numbered on the left-hand margin of the page. Responses are marked with corresponding numbers, using the commentor's initials (or the organization's acronym) as a prefix, and appear on the right-hand side of the page. Transcripts and comment letters are organized alphabetically within each grouping (e.g., public hearing location, government representative or agency jurisdiction, or county of residence) according to this prefix. Therefore, a letter received from Jane Doe would be alphabetized under "JD," and a letter from John and Mary Doe would be alphabetized under "JMD" or "MJD," depending on the signature. If a comment warrants a change to the EIS, or further information is contained in the EIS, the reader is referred to the appropriate section of the EIS.

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PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPTS AND COMMENT LETTERS
(REPRESENTATIVES, AGENCIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS)**

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Comment Letters: Representatives, Agencies, and Organizations

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 - South Carolina

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- Other Location

Tab 4: State Agencies

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- Other Location

Tab 5: Local Representatives and Agencies

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Tab 6: Organizations and Associations

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 - City of Chesapeake
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