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## **NAVY TO HOLD OLF SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Navy plans to hold scoping meetings to obtain public input on five potential sites for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) over the next two weeks. Earlier this month, the Navy published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the *Federal Register* to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental consequences associated with constructing and operating a new OLF to support training and operations of East Coast Navy carrier aircraft. The addition of a new OLF will ensure that year-round capacity exists to support naval aviation training requirements and the operational flexibility needed to respond to emergent national defense requirements, and at the same time optimize training.

Three of the proposed sites are in Virginia, and two are in North Carolina. The Virginia sites include Cabin Point (formerly known as sites 2A, B and C in the information provided by Virginia officials), Dory (formerly known as site 3A) and Mason (formerly site known as site 3B). The North Carolina sites to be considered are Hale's Lake in Camden and Currituck Counties, and Sandbanks in Gates County. Based on an evaluation of available information, these sites each have operational, environmental, and population characteristics that make them viable site alternatives for further analysis.

Scoping meetings will be held on the following days, at the following locations:

April 28      North Carolina Cooperative Center  
                  Currituck County Center  
                  120 Community Way  
                  Barco, NC

April 29      J.E.J. Moore Middle School  
                  11455 Prince George Drive  
                  Disputanta, VA

April 30      Sussex Central High School  
                  21394 Sussex Drive  
                  Sussex, VA

May 1        Southhampton High School  
                  23350 Southhampton Parkway  
                  Courtland, VA

- May 2            Gates County High School  
                    088 U.S. Highway 158 West  
                    Gatesville, NC
- May 5            Camden County High School  
                    103 U.S. Highway 158 West  
                    Camden, NC
- May 7            Surry Central High School  
                    1675 Hollybush Road  
                    Dendron, VA

These scoping meetings are designed to obtain public input on the scope of the EIS. At each of the meetings, the Navy will have large displays set up to describe various aspects and issues associated with the OLF project. Each display will have one or more subject matter expert(s) available to answer questions from the public about the issues within their areas of expertise. There will also be comment cards available for members of the public to comment on the project, and to offer suggestions regarding issues they feel the Navy should be aware of, or study further in the Draft EIS.

Unlike the public hearings that will be held once the Draft EIS is published, scoping is not a formal hearing. There will be no formal presentation by the Navy, nor will there be an opportunity for attendees to speak. This is much less formal, and will provide the public an opportunity to engage one-on-one with Navy representatives to answer their questions, as well as an avenue for the public to provide written input into the process. Formal public hearings will be scheduled and conducted after publication of the Draft EIS, expected in mid-2009.

Members of the public not able to attend any of the scoping meetings may still provide comments until June 7, 2008. Written comments can be mailed to:  
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic  
6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA, 23508  
Attn: Code EV OLF Project Manager

Comments may also be submitted via the project web site at <http://www.OLFEIS.com>.