



# Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

## NEPA Process and Community Involvement

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires U.S. federal agencies consider the potential environmental consequences of their proposed actions to allow informed decision-making. The public participates in the NEPA process by helping to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives during the scoping period and evaluating the analysis of the proposed action and alternatives during the Draft EIS public comment period. The public can also participate by evaluating the Final EIS and U.S. Navy responses to public comments on the Draft EIS during the Final EIS wait period. All public comments are considered, and the U.S. Navy will not proceed with the proposed action until the NEPA process is complete.

A *cooperating agency* is any agency, other than the lead agency, which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise concerning the proposed action or an environmental impact involved in the proposal. The National Guard Bureau/Oregon National Guard is a cooperating agency for the preparation and coordination of this EIS.

MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS	Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers starts the initial public involvement phase of the process.	Oct. 5, 2010
▶ Scoping Period	The scoping process actively involves the public and other agencies in identifying the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS as well as other potential alternatives to accomplish the purpose and need. The scoping period for this EIS provides for two scoping meetings and a 41-day comment period.	<b>Scoping Meetings:</b> Boardman, Oregon Oct. 27, 2010  Hermiston, Oregon Oct. 28, 2010  <b>Comment Period Closing Date:</b> Nov. 15, 2010
Draft EIS	The Draft EIS presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and each of the identified alternatives, including a no action alternative. The Draft EIS will be available for public and agency review and comment. The Draft EIS will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	Spring 2012
▶ Public Hearings and Comment Period	NEPA regulations allow a minimum of 45 days for the public to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS. Comments may be submitted at the public hearings, via U.S. mail or on the project website.	Spring 2012
Final EIS	The Final EIS is an update to the Draft EIS based on comments received during the public hearings and comment period. The Notice of Availability for the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers. The Final EIS will be filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties.	Winter 2012-2013
▶ 30-Day Wait Period	Regulations provide for a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published before the agency may take final action. During that period, in addition to the agency's own internal final review, the public and other agencies can comment on the Final EIS prior to the agency's final action on the proposal.	Spring 2013
Record of Decision	After the 30-day wait period and considering public comment on the potential environmental effects, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment) will select an alternative and issue a Record of Decision. A notice of the Record of Decision is published in the Federal Register and appropriate general circulation newspapers and made available to interested parties.	Spring 2013

▶ Opportunities for Public Review and Comment    ■ Complete    ■ In Progress



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