Environmental Assessment for Implementation of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Naval Station Norfolk and Craney Island Fuel Depot in the Cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA

The Proposed Action
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy (Navy) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze potential effects of actions associated with the Navy’s implementation of the Naval Station Norfolk and Craney Island Fuel Depot (NSN and CI or Installation) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) for the period of 2016-2021.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action
The purpose of the Proposed Action is to implement the INRMP to conserve land and natural resources, and ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Implementation of the INRMP is needed to ensure the integration of military operations and natural resources management programs in a manner that supports the installation mission, while protecting and enhancing natural resources in accordance with legal requirements and Navy policy.

Scope of the EA
This EA has been prepared to identify and evaluate the potential environmental consequences of implementing the INRMP at NSN and CI. Relevant resources evaluated in this EA include water resources; vegetation; wildlife; threatened, endangered, and special concern species; and rare communities and significant habitat. The Navy will be consulting on the INRMP with key agencies and organizations, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF).

Alternatives to the Proposed Action
The EA analyzes the effects of full implementation of the INRMP (Proposed Action) and the No-Action/Status Quo Alternative.

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