



# Environmental Assessment for Demolition Training Complex Upgrade at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex, Virginia Beach, Virginia

## Proposed Action

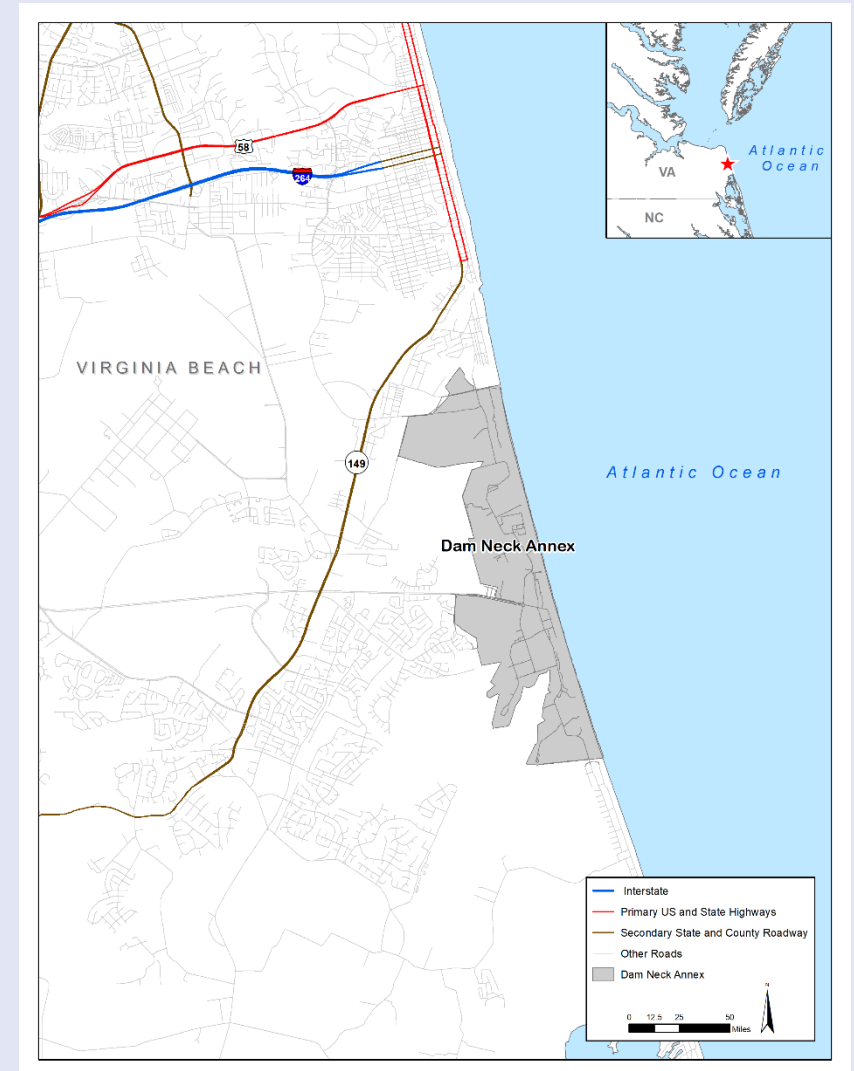
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act,(NEPA) Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to upgrade the Demolition Training Complex (DTC) at Dam Neck Annex (DNA). The upgrade is expected to begin June 2020, lasting approximately 1 year.

Proposed Action includes:

- Demolition of 2-story range control tower, 1-story range support workshop, fencing, and concrete pavement.
- Addition of new multi-story, multi-purpose building in location of current range support workshop.
- Addition of a new training facility in the vicinity of the old range control tower with a protective barrier around the structure for containing the spread of fragments.
- Construction of additional breaching wall frames around Building 903.
- Construction of breaching door frames for testing breaching techniques and a containment wall to contain the spread of fragmentation.
- Construction of paved parking.
- Construction of range staging area.

## Purpose for Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to upgrade the DTC to meet training requirements related to breaching and assault techniques as they apply to continuously evolving combat systems, equipment, tactics, and techniques.



**Regional Location of Dam Neck Annex**



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## Action Alternatives

Under Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative), the Navy would upgrade the DTC at DNA. To complete the upgrade, the 2-story range control tower, the 1-story range support workshop, fencing, and concrete pavement would be demolished. Construction would include a new multi-story, multi-purpose building in the location of the current range support workshop; a new training facility in the vicinity of the old range control tower; additional breaching wall frames around Building 903; breaching door frames for testing breaching techniques and a containment wall to contain the spread of fragments; construction of paved parking; and construction of a range staging area. Action Alternative 2 is identical to the Preferred Alternative, except the multi-purpose building would be constructed outside the existing fence line, behind the current range support workshop.

## Scope of the DNA DTC Expansion EA

The EA will present existing conditions at the proposed project site at DNA and evaluate the potential consequences of the Proposed Action on the natural and human environment. Specifically, the EA will assess potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the following resource areas: air quality, water resources, geological resources, cultural resources, and biological resources. No significant impact to any resource area is anticipated from implementing the Proposed Action.

The Navy is consulting with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action on historic properties and has prepared and submitted a Coastal Consistency Determination to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) pursuant to its responsibilities under the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Navy also submitted a Joint Permit Application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and VADEQ for proposed wetland impacts.

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