
APPENDIX A: CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

APPENDIX A

PART I

Draft EIS CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND RESPONSES

Draft EIS Public Review

Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published a Notice of Availability (NOA) and the Navy published an NOA and Notice of Public Hearing (NOA/NOPH) for the Draft EIS (DEIS) in the Federal Register on December 14, 2007 (Attachment 1). The publication of the NOA/NOPH initiated the 45-day public review period, which ended on January 28, 2008. The Navy also placed a public notice in the local newspapers: the Bethesda Gazette on Wednesday, 19 December 2007, and The Washington Post and The Washington Times on Sunday, 16 December 2007 (Attachment 1).

The distribution list of government entities and community associations that were provided the DEIS and/or the NOA/NOPH is included as in this appendix (Attachment 2). Copies of the DEIS and the appendices, paper or electronic version on a compact disk, were mailed to key federal, state, and local agencies/representatives. Copies of the DEIS were also provided to a group of home owner associations that were identified as groups with homes adjacent to NNMC. Copies of the DEIS were distributed to five local libraries as well as three public and private organizations. An electronic copy of the DEIS was made available at the following website: http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/index.aspx. The DEIS was also made accessible through the Montgomery County BRAC website at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/BRAC/index.asp>.

Two public hearings were held at the Bethesda Marriott in Bethesda, Maryland on Wednesday, 9 January 2008 and Thursday, 10 January 2008, from 6 PM to 8 PM both nights. The public hearings included a briefing by a Navy representative on the actions and impacts presented in the DEIS, poster displays covering the same material, and an opportunity for attendees to provide written and oral comments, documented by a court reporter.

Pre-addressed comment sheets were made available for the attendees to fill in at the meeting or to mail back at their convenience. Navy representatives were on hand to answer questions as well as to receive comments from the attendees. All attendees were invited to provide their information on the Sign-in and Address Card with the option to indicate if the interested party would like to be notified of the availability of the Final EIS by mail or email. The attendees who wished to provide an oral comment were encouraged to sign the oral comment roster.

A total of 86 persons attended the two public hearing, with 56 and 30 attendees on January 9 and 10, respectively (Attachment 3). The attendees included representatives of federal, state, and local

agencies and the general public. A total of 20 members of the general public provided oral statements during the two public hearings. Likewise, 13 members of the general public provided written comments.

During the 45-day comment period, the Navy received comments on the Draft EIS from the federal, state, and local agencies and public officials (Attachment 4). Additionally, the Navy received comments from 176 members of the general public.

The comments from public agencies and officials as well as the general public are summarized in the comment response matrix in this appendix (Attachment 5), and the Navy responses to these comments. The comment-response matrix is numbered and organized by the submitting entity categories in the following order:

- 1.0 Congress/Federal Agencies
- 2.0 State of Maryland
- 3.0 Montgomery County
- 4.0 National Institutes of Health
- 5.0 BRAC Implementation Committee
- 6.0 Public

Attachments

The following attachments provide supporting documentation for the DEIS Public Review Period:

Attachment 1: Federal Register NOA/NOPH and Newspaper Notices.

Attachment 2: Draft EIS Correspondence and Distribution/Public Hearing Notification

- Formal correspondence - public agencies.
- List of government entities and community associations that were sent the Draft EIS and/or the NOA/NOPH.
- Examples of DEIS transmittal letter and public notice.

Attachment 3: Public Hearing Attendance

- List of public hearings attendees.

Attachment 4: Comments on the Draft EIS

- List of commenters providing comments during the Draft EIS Public Review Period.
- Federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials letters for comments on Draft EIS.

Attachment 5: Matrix Summary of Comments with Navy Responses

- 1.0 Congress/Federal Agencies
- 2.0 State of Maryland
- 3.0 Montgomery County
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**Attachment 1: Federal Register NOA/NOPH and Newspaper
Notices**

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material will be used to nourish 6,880 linear feet of shoreline in the north part of the Central Section and part of the southern tip of the North Section. This construction will take place in the 2014–2015 dredging window. The final phase of nourishment will encompass the entire South Section, using the offshore borrow site, and will be conducted in the 2018–2017 dredging window.

2. Proposed Action. Within the Town's preferred alternative, the relocation of the inlet channel is a main component in the protection of the North Section of the project area. The inlet management plan includes the repositioning the main ocean bar channel to a more southerly alignment along an approximate 150 degree azimuth and maintaining that position and alignment approximately every four years. Initial construction of the new channel and subsequent maintenance events will result in a channel width of 500 feet at –18 foot NAVD depth. The new channel will start within the inlet gorge and will extend approximately 3,500 linear feet southeast breaching through the ocean bar. The amount of material to be extracted during the realignment of the channel is approximately 635,600 cubic yards. The composite mean grain size of the dredged material is approximately 0.32mm, compared to the native beach material at 0.23mm.

For the remaining phases, all the material used to nourish the beaches will be dredged from an offshore borrow area. The borrow area is located approximately 1.5 miles offshore within the Central Section, and just southwest of the NC 210 bridge. The site is approximately 482 acres in size and is divided into two sections: (1) A 459-acre area with finer grain size (composite mean grain size of 0.21mm) containing approximately 6.19 million cubic yards and (2) a 23-acre area with coarser material at a composite mean grain size of 0.33mm encompassing approximately 357,000 cubic yards. The division of the borrow site into coarser and finer materials resulted in the use of the Point of Intercept Concept or "perched beached" for the placement of material in areas where nearshore hard bottom communities were present. For nourishment in areas within close proximity to nearshore hard bottoms, the beach profiles were designed to use coarser material in order to reduce the fill toe of equilibrium.

3. Alternatives. Several alternatives have been identified and evaluated through the scoping process, and further detailed description of all alternatives is disclosed in Section 3.0 of the Draft EIS.

The applicant's preferred alternative is to relocate the main ocean bar channel to a southerly alignment, implement an inlet management plan, nourish approximately 11.1 miles of ocean shoreline, and to construct the work in a five phase approach.

4. Scoping Process. A public scoping meeting was held on June 5, 2005 and a Project Delivery Team (PDT) was developed to provide input in the preparation of the EIS. The PDT comprised of local, state, and federal government officials, local residents and nonprofit organizations.

The COE has initiated consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and Endangered Species Act. Additionally, the EIS assesses the potential water quality impacts pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and is coordinated with the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM) to insure the projects consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The COE is coordinating closely with DCM in the development of the EIS to ensure the process complies with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, as well as the NEPA requirements. The Draft EIS has been designed to consolidate both NEPA and SEPA processes to eliminate duplications.

Dated: December 6, 2007.

John E. Pulliam, Jr.,
Colonel, U.S. Army, District Commander.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearings for Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Activities To Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and the Department of the Navy (DON) NEPA regulation (32 CFR part 775), DON

announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for potential environmental impacts associated with implementing actions directed by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended in 2005 (BRAC Law), at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, MD.

Under the BRAC law, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will realign all tertiary and complex health care services to the NNMC campus in Bethesda. The transfer and integration of these services with existing functions at NNMC will result by law in creation of a new premier military health care center to be named the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda, MD.

The BRAC law calls for completion of the realignment, establishment of the WRNMMC, and closure of WRAMC to be accomplished by 15 September 2011.

The realignment of tertiary and complex medical care will bring additional patients and visitors requiring additional staff and facilities to be provided at NNMC. The DEIS provides information on the proposed new construction and facility alterations, current estimates of the additional staff that will be needed, and an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of these realignment actions at NNMC in Bethesda, MD.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. All comments on the DEIS must be postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by midnight January 28, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, fax: 301-295-5020 or e-mail: NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, Telephone: 301-295-2722 during normal business hours Monday through Friday, fax: 301-295-5020, or e-mail: NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This DEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of new facilities at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland. Alternative One would add approximately 1,144,000 square feet

(SF) of new building construction, provide approximately 508,000 SF of renovation to existing building space at NNNMC, and provide approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities. It would accommodate approximately 2,500 additional staff. The new construction or improvements to existing facilities would provide medical care and administration additions and alterations, a Traumatic Brain Injury/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Intrepid Center of Excellence, permanent and temporary lodging facilities (Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Fisher Houses™), a new physical fitness center, additional parking, and road and utility improvements on the installation as needed to support the new facilities. Under Alternative Two, the same facilities are proposed; some facility sites change and the choice of new construction versus renovation of some facilities differs from Alternative One. Alternative Two would add to NNNMC approximately 1,230,000 SF of new building construction, approximately 423,000 SF of building renovation, and approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities. The estimated staffing increase would also be approximately 2,500 personnel under Alternative Two.

The Notice of Intent (NOI), published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2006, identified the following alternatives to be under consideration in the EIS: (1) Implement the BRAC recommendation; (2) Implement the BRAC recommendation and provide for future anticipated growth, support activities, and changes to the installation; (3) No action, with NNNMC continuing to maintain and repair existing facilities without additional growth.

Since November 2006, a number of planning decisions have been made by Department of Defense (DoD) that have affected, but not substantially changed, the proposed NEPA analysis on the best way to ensure world-class care is provided for the Nation's wounded veterans both today and in the post-BRAC environment. Special housing, billeting, food service, medical support, and administrative support requirements were determined and then appropriately sited on the NNNMC Bethesda campus. The decisions made by DoD resulted in a refocused effort in this DEIS to concentrate in the Proposed Action entirely on implementation of the BRAC mandate through Warrior Care. Any other non-BRAC related future growth, support activities, or changes to the installation are considered when reasonably foreseeable in the analysis of cumulative impacts.

The DEIS finds that environmental impacts from Alternative One and Alternative Two would be similar. The DEIS analysis indicates an increase in off-base traffic volumes due to the increase in staff, patients, and visitors. The off-base traffic impact would be the same for either alternative. The DEIS finds that proposed new facilities would involve a small increase in impervious surface area and minimal impacts to biological resources because the new facilities would be constructed on either existing development such as parking lots or on landscaped areas. The increase in runoff resulting from the increase in impervious surface would be controlled with storm water management and erosion and sediment control measures.

Emissions of air pollutants from the Proposed Action during construction and operations would not exceed *de minimis* levels or ambient standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for protection of the airshed and thus air quality impacts would not be significant. Short-term increases in noise levels would occur during construction that are typical of construction activities. No major issues are anticipated for utilities required to support the NNNMC expansion.

Formal consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act with appropriate agencies will be conducted by the DON to ensure that construction of new buildings in the NNNMC Bethesda Historic District would be accomplished with minimal impacts to cultural resources.

The DEIS finds that the Proposed Action is compatible with existing land use plans and land use planning underway within NNNMC. Beneficial economic impacts to the surrounding economy are anticipated under each action alternative, resulting from the large investment in construction and renovation of facilities. Local residents could experience increased traffic on weekdays and weekends. Personnel relocating from their positions at WRAMC are not expected to change their off base residences; therefore, impacts to local housing, schools, or community services are expected to be minimal. Adherence to applicable regulations and guidance will avoid impacts to human health and safety.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, and interested parties. The DEIS is also available for public review at the following local libraries and public facilities: Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814; Chevy Chase Library, 8005

Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817; Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895; Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814; Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1204, Bethesda, MD 20814.

The DEIS is also available at the following Web sites: http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/; and <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac>.

The DON also invites the general public, local governments, state and other federal agencies to participate in the public hearings where the DON will receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Two hearings will be held: January 9 and 10, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Pooks Hill Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

The public hearings will be conducted in English. A court reporter will be available to record oral comments. The DON requests that people desiring to speak submit, in writing, their intention to participate and that they frame their statements to meet a three (3) minute limitation on the length of any oral statement. The limit is not intended to constrain an individual's ability to make comments but rather to ensure that all persons requesting to make a comment are given that opportunity. The DON also requests that technical statements or statements of considerable length be submitted in writing.

For requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids at the scheduled public hearings, please contact: Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 6901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889, Telephone: 301-295-2722 during normal business hours Monday through Friday, fax: 301-295-5020, or e-mail: NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil.

To allow time for the arrangements to be made, any request for special assistance at the public hearings must be made to the DEIS point of contact by January 04, 2008.

Dated: December 10, 2007.
T.M. Cruz,
Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps,
U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the U.S. Marine Corps Grow the Force Initiative (or GTF) at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC

AGENCY: Department of the Navy; DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508) and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) NEPA implementing regulations in Marine Corps Order P5090.2A, the USMC announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences that may result from the permanent assignment of approximately 9,900 additional Marines and support service personnel at three installations in North Carolina: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCBCL) and Marine Corps Air Station New River (MCASNR) in Jacksonville and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point (MCASCP) in Havelock.

The proposed action includes incremental permanent personnel increases at existing USMC installations. By Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 MCBCL, MCASNR, and MCASCP personnel (military and civilian) increases are expected to be approximately 7,700 (MCBCL), 1,400 (MCASNR), and 800 (MCASCP). Alternatives to be examined in the EIS may consist of alternative siting locations on these installations for new facility construction, renovation and use of existing facilities, or a combination of both new and existing facilities. The no-action alternative, of not permanently basing these Marines and associated personnel, will also be examined.

The USMC is initiating the scoping process with this notice of intent. Scoping assists the USMC in identifying community concerns and local issues related to the proposed action.

DATES: Three open house scoping meetings will be held in the Jacksonville and Havelock regional area from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

(1) Tuesday, January 29, 2008, Havelock Tourist and Event Center, 201 Tourist Center Drive, Havelock, NC.

(2) Wednesday, January 30, 2008, Coastal Carolina Community College, 444 Western Boulevard, Jacksonville, NC.

(3) Thursday, January 31, 2008, Dixon High School, 160 Dixon School Road, Holly Ridge, NC.

ADDRESSES: Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested groups and persons are encouraged to attend the scoping open house meetings. All are encouraged to provide comments on the proposed action either at the scoping meetings or by mail, postmarked no later than February 3, 2008 to ensure proper consideration in the EIS to the following address: Mr. Michael H. Jones, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic, Code BMEV31 Building C, Room 3012, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23506-1278.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael H. Jones, 757-322-4942. Please submit requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other auxiliary aids at the public meeting to Mr. Jones by January 8, 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In January 2007, the President of the United States, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense, announced that the Marine Corps would increase its end strength from approximately 180,000 to 202,000 by 2011. This increase is needed to provide adequate time to recover between deployments, train to meet combat readiness, and prepare for redeployment. The purpose of the proposed action is to ensure that Marines are properly prepared and trained for existing combat and homeland protection missions and future conflicts.

The Marine Corps uses the Total Force Structure Process (TFSP) to transform strategic guidance, policy constraints, and commander-generated recommendations into the integrated capabilities required to execute Marine Corps missions. The TFSP relies on a detailed, integrated examination of doctrine, organization, training, material, leadership, personnel, and facilities, ensuring that no aspect of the enterprise is ignored when new requirements for the Corps are identified. In order to meet the purpose and need, the proposed action of increasing the Marine Corps must be

expedited while not compromising the current Marine Corps missions. Existing force structure and organization would be maintained in order to not further complicate, retard, or jeopardize the Marine Corps mission. The proposed action accomplishes this by augmenting existing units with Marines possessing the appropriate skill sets. These existing units are already established at current Marine Corps bases. Consequently, alternative bed-down locations to the proposed action are not feasible because they would not meet the purpose and need of the proposed action.

Specifically, the EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposed action at the three installations on the following resources: Land; water resources (e.g., wetlands and coastal zones); natural resources, including threatened and endangered species; air; earth resources (e.g., soils and geology); visual resources, and cultural resources. Issues and activities that will be addressed include: Hazardous materials and hazardous waste; noise; recreation; transportation; socioeconomic; and environmental justice. Other resources, activities, and issues as identified through the scoping process will be included in the EIS and the analysis will evaluate both direct and indirect impacts, and account for cumulative impacts from other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in the Jacksonville and Havelock, NC regional area.

The USMC values the good relationship between its three installations in eastern NC and the surrounding communities, and will work closely with community stakeholders to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on traffic and other transportation issues; stormwater and other environmental concerns; population increases and the related concerns with respect to schools, child care, and other quality of life issues; and other potential impacts that may be identified.

Dated: December 10, 2007.

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Lieutenant, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Administrative Law Division, Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.
SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management

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and Chili Bar Hydroelectric FERC No. 2155-024, El Dorado County, CA, Issuance of a New License for the Existing and Proposed Hydropower Projects.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20070412, ERP No. D-TVA-E08022-TN, Ruthford-Williamson-Davidson Power Supply Improvement Project, Proposes to Construct and Operate a New 500-kilovolt (kV) Ruthford Substation, a New 27-mile 500-kV Transmission Line and Two New 9- and 15-mile 161-kV Transmission Lines, Ruthford, Williamson Counties, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed concern about impacts to water quality, wetlands, forested wetlands, and riparian vegetation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20070425, ERP No. D-COE-E39071-00, Wolf Dam/Lake Cumberland Project, Emergency Measures in Response to Seepage, Mississippi River, South Central Kentucky and Central Tennessee.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts related to water quantity and water quality in the reservoir and project dam releases, and recommends that specific mitigation measures and monitoring efforts be implemented. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20070431, ERP No. D-NOA-E91020-00, Snapper Grouper Fishery Amendment 15A, Proposes Management Reference Points and Rebuilding Plans for Snowy Grouper, Black Sea Bass and Red Porgy, South Atlantic Region.

Summary: While EPA has no objections to the proposed action, we suggested that shorter recovery schedules are considered. Rating LO.

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EIS No. 20070395, ERP No. F-USA-D15001-MD, Fort George G. Meade Base Realignment and Closure 2005 and Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) Actions, Implementation, Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's Counties, MD.

Summary: EPA continues to express concern about natural resource impacts, and recommends additional avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures be implemented.

EIS No. 20070397, ERP No. F-AFS-L65537-WA, Tripod Fire Salvage Project, Proposal to Salvage Harvest Dead Trees and Fire-Injured Trees Expected to Die Within One Year, Methow Valley and Tonasket Ranger Districts, Okanogan and Wenatchee

National Forests, Okanogan County, WA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the action as proposed.

EIS No. 20070434, ERP No. F-USN-K13000-GU, Kilo Wharf Extension (MILCON P-52), To Provide Adequate Berthing Facilities for Multi-Purpose Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship (the T-AKE), Apra Harbor Naval Complex, Mariana Island, GU

Summary: EPA has continuing concerns regarding sufficiency of mitigation for impacts to coral reefs. EPA recommends the Navy commit to the preferred mitigation watershed restoration project agreed upon by the Navy and resource agencies and avoid selecting the contingency mitigation plan, which does not sufficiently replace lost ecosystem functions.

EIS No. 20070444, ERP No. F-USA-E15000-GA, Fort Benning U.S. Army Infantry Center, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 and Transformation Actions, Implementation, Chattahoochee and Muscogee Counties, GA.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concern about air quality impacts and requested additional work toward the development of a comprehensive alternative transportation program to assist the Columbus area in meeting air quality standards in the future.

EIS No. 20070460, ERP No. F-FRC-F03010-WI, Guardian Expansion and Extension Project, Construction and Operation Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Jefferson, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Calumet, Brown, Walworth, Outagamie Counties, WI.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about mitigation for wetland, upland forest, and wildlife habitat impacts.

EIS No. 20070461, ERP No. F-IBR-K39106-00, Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Implementation, Colorado River, CO and CA.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20070462, ERP No. F-MMS-E02011-00, Eastern Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 224, Gulf of Mexico Offshore Marine Environment and Coastal Parishes/Counties of LA, MS, AL, and North Western Florida.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about drilling fluid impacts, and requested additional field investigations on the effects of

synthetic-based drilling fluids in the deep water environment.

EIS No. 20070479, ERP No. F-GSA-D11037-DC, Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH-W), Proposed Master Plan for Campus Located at 3700 North Capitol Street, NW., AFRH Trust Fund, Washington, DC.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about Impacts to historic properties and developmental impacts.

EIS No. 20070438, ERP No. FS-NOA-B91017-00, Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Amendment 11, Implementation to Control Capacity and Mortality in the General Category Scallop Fishery, Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, NC.

Summary: EPA's previous issues have been resolved; therefore, EPA has no objection to the proposed action.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

Robert W. Hargrove,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 12/03/2007 through 12/07/2007 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20070511, Final EIS, BLM, AK, Bay Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Located within the Bristol Bay and Goodnews Bay Areas, AK, Wait Period Ends: 01/14/2008, Contact: Chuck Denton 907-267-1246.

EIS No. 20070512, Draft EIS, FHW, TX, Tier 1 DEIS-I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor Study, Improvement to International, Interstate and Intrastate Movement of Good and People, Louisiana-Mexico/Northeast Texas to Mexico, Comment Period Ends: 03/19/2008, Contact: Donald Davis 512-536-5900.

EIS No. 20070513, Final EIS, FHW, TX, Grand Parkway/TX-99 Segment E Improvement Project, IH-10 to U.S. 290, Funding, Right-of-Way Grant and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit

Issuance, Harris County, TX, Wait Period Ends: 01/14/2008, Contact: Donald Davis 512-536-5960.

EIS No. 20070514, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, San Juan Public Lands, Draft Land Management Plan (DLMP), Implementation, San Juan National Forest, Archuleta, Conejos, Dolores, Hinsdale, LaPlata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Rio Grande, San Juan and San Miguel Counties, CO, Comment Period Ends: 03/12/2008, Contact: Gary Thrash 970-247-4874.

EIS No. 20070515, Final Supplement, FHW, IA, IA-100 Extension Around Cedar Rapids, Edgewood Road to U.S. 30, Reevaluation of the Project Corridor and Changes in Environmental Requirements, Funding and U.S. Army COE 404 Permit Issuance, Linn County, IA, Wait Period Ends: 01/14/2008, Contact: Phillip E. Barnes 515-233-7300.

EIS No. 20070516, Final EIS, FHW, DE, U.S. 301 Project Development, Transportation Improvements from MD State Line to DE-1, South of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, New Castle County, DE, Wait Period Ends: 01/14/2008, Contact: Robert Kleinburd 302-734-2966.

EIS No. 20070517, Draft EIS, USA, MD, National Naval Medical Center, Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions, Construction and Operation of New Facilities for Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, Comment Period Ends: 01/28/2008, Contact: Andrew Gutberlet 301-295-2722.

EIS No. 20070518, Draft EIS, COE, PA, Southern Beltway Transportation Project, Transportation Improvement between I-79 to Mon/Fayette Expressway (PA Turnpike 43), Application for U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Washington County, PA, Comment Period Ends: 02/08/2008, Contact: Scott A. Hans 412-395-7152.

EIS No. 20070519, Draft EIS, AFS, MO, Cooney McKay Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project, Proposed to Restore Desirable Vegetative Conditions, Swan Valley near Condon, Swan Lake Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, Lake and Missoula Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: 01/28/2008, Contact: Steve Brady 406-837-7501.

EIS No. 20070520, Final EIS, FHW, NY, NY-17—Elmira to Chemung Project, Proposed Highway Reconstruction, New Highway Construction, Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404

Permit, Town and City of Elmira, Town of Ashland and Chemung, Chemung County, NY, Wait Period Ends: 01/28/2008, Contact: Amy Jackson-Grove 518-431-4127.

EIS No. 20070521, Draft Supplement, NOA, 00, Reef Fish Amendment 30A: Greater Amberjack—Revise Rebuilding Plan, Accountability Measures: Gray Triggerfish—Establish Rebuilding Plan, End Overfishing, Accountability Measures, Regional Management, Management Thresholds and Benchmarks, Gulf of Mexico, Comment Period Ends: 01/28/2008, Contact: Roy E. Crabtree, MD 727-824-5701.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20070021, Draft Supplement, BLM, MT, Montana Statewide Oil and Gas, Development Alternative for Coal Bed Natural Gas Production and Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans, Additional Information Three New Alternatives, Implementation, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, NPDES Permit, Several Cos, MT, Comment Period Ends: 03/13/2008, Contact: Mary Bloom 406-233-2852.

Revision to FR Notice Published 02/02/2007: Reopening of the Comment Period is Only for the Supplemental Air Quality Analysis Portion for the above DSEIS from 05/02/2007 to 03/13/2008.

EIS No. 20070411, Draft EIS, FRC, NC, Yadkin—Yadkin-Pee Dee Hydro Electric Project (Docket Nos. P-2197-073 & P-2206-030), Issuance of New Licenses for the Existing and Proposed Hydropower Projects, Yadkin—Yadkin-Pee Dee Rivers, Davidson, Davie, Montgomery, Rowan, Stanly, Anson and Richmond Counties, NC, Comment Period Ends: 12/10/2007, Contact: Andy Black 1-866-208-3372.

Revision of FR Notice Published 10/05/2007: Extending Comment Period from 12/03/2007 to 12/10/2007.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

Robert W. Hargrove,
 Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.
 [FR Doc. E7-24227 Filed 12-13-07; 8:45 am]
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 14, 2007, at 1 p.m.
PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Final Rules on Candidate Travel.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Mary W. Dove,
 Secretary of the Commission.
 [FR Doc. 07-6059 Filed 12-12-07; 11:57 am]
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 2, 2008.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Todd Offenbacher, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Theodore Thieman*; to retain control of Rae Valley Financials, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain control of Petersburg State Bank, all of Petersburg, Nebraska.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 11, 2007.

Robert deV. Frierson,
 Deputy Secretary of the Board.
 [FR Doc. E7-24217 Filed 12-13-07; 8:45 am]
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th Street

**Attachment 2: Formal Correspondence and
Distribution/Public Hearing Notification**

Formal Correspondence - Public Agencies

Correspondence from U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Chesapeake Bay Field Office
177 Admiral Cochrane Drive
Annapolis, MD 21401
410/573-4575



February 27, 2008

J.A. Zulick
Commander, CED, U.S. Navy
Head, Facilities Management Department
Department of the Navy
National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland 20889 5600

RE: *Activities to Implement the 2005 BRAC Actions at National Naval Medical Center
Bethesda Maryland*

Dear: Commander Zulick

This responds to your letter, received December 14, 2008 requesting information on the presence of species which are federally listed or proposed for listing as endangered or threatened within the vicinity of the above reference project area. We have reviewed the information you enclosed and are providing comments in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

One federally endangered species may be present in the project impact area. The Delmarva fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger cinereus*) occupies mature pine and hardwood forests, both bottomland and upland, with a relatively open understory. If any forest areas are to be cleared for this project or if any activities will occur within 150 feet of mature forest habitat, this species may be affected. Any potential impacts on Delmarva fox squirrel habitat should be analyzed as a part of your environmental assessment. If such impacts may occur, further section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be required. A "Project Summary Form" has been enclosed in order to guide you through this impact assessment process.

Except for occasional transient individuals, no federally proposed or listed endangered or threatened species are known to exist within the project impact area. Therefore, no Biological Assessment or further section 7 Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

This response relates only to federally protected threatened or endangered species under our jurisdiction. For information on the presence of other rare species, you should contact Lori Byrne of the Maryland Wildlife and Heritage Division at (410) 260-8573.

An additional concern of the Service is wetlands protection. Federal and state partners of the Chesapeake Bay Program have adopted an interim goal of no overall net loss of the Basin's remaining wetlands, and the long term goal of increasing the quality and quantity of the Basin's wetlands resource base. Because of this policy and the functions and values wetlands perform, the Service recommends avoiding wetland impacts. All wetlands within the project area should be identified, and if construction in wetlands is proposed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, should be contacted for permit requirements. They can be reached at (410) 962-3670.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide information relative to fish and wildlife issues, and thank you for your interests in these resources. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact Devin Ray at (410) 573-4531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ratnaswamy".

Mary J. Ratnaswamy, Ph.D.
Program Supervisor, Threatened and Endangered Species

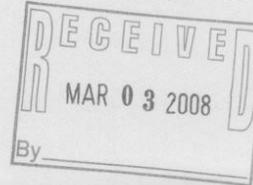
Navy Correspondence with Maryland Historic Trust



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND WASHINGTON
1314 HARWOOD STREET SE
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5018

IN REPLY REFER TO
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State Historic Preservation Officer
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032



Attn: Mr. J. Rodney Little, Director

Subj: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, BETHESDA

Dear Mr. Little:

In connection with the realignment of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center mandated by the 2005 round of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law, the U.S. Navy anticipates several construction and renovations activities at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland. Some of these activities are anticipated to impact historic structures and resources at the historic district aboard NNMC.

According to Navy policy, we are required to complete consultations with all regulators in advance of issuing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Due to the accelerated schedule and the unique nature of the BRAC action at NNMC, the FEIS will be issued before design data is available for all projects.

This letter is documentation of the Navy's intent to complete consultation under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA), for all projects required as part of the BRAC action. This letter will be included in the FEIS and the Record of Decision.

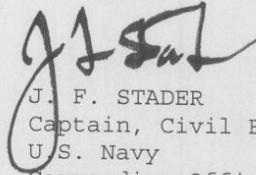
As part of our ongoing discussions, it is our understanding that it is not necessary to implement a formal agreement to continue these consultations. For those projects that may have adverse effects on historic properties, the Navy, in consultation with the Trust, will explore and consider alternatives that would avoid and reduce adverse effects.

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The Navy is in agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust that a project-specific consultation process is a more efficient and effective means for completing the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

I look forward to our continuous communication and consultation on this matter. My point of contact on this matter is Commander Kathryn Donovan at 202-685-3147 or kathryn.donovan@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

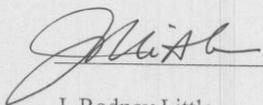


J. F. STADER
Captain, Civil Engineer Corps
U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Copy to:
Montgomery County Planning Board

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONCURRENCE:

The Maryland Historical Trust (Trust) concurs with the Navy's proposed course of action outlined in this letter. The Trust remains committed and looks forward to working with the Navy and other involved parties to successfully complete the review of individual undertakings for their effects on historic properties, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as project planning proceeds.



J. Rodney Little
Director / Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer

3-17-08

Date

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Correspondence on RCRA
Sites at NNMC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Certified Mail
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S. G. Mills
Commander, CEC U. S. Navy
Facilities Management Service
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20889

January 31, 2003

Re: NO FURTHER ACTION DETERMINATION
Area of Concern (AOC) Number 1-Building 17 Mercury Removal Actions
Permit For Corrective Action and Waste Minimization (Permit)
National Naval Medical Center (NNMC)
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20889
MD4 17 002 4687

Dear Commander Mills:

EPA has received the September 28, 2002, October 28, 2002 and January 14, 2003 letters that submitted your Final Interim Measures Report and the NNMC Responses to EPA Comments concerning remediation of mercury contamination at AOC Number 1 on your Bethesda, Md Facility. Your January 14, 2003 letter requested EPA approval and a "no further action" determination at AOC Number 1 under the above-referenced Permit issued to your Facility under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 6921 - 6939 (b) on November 21, 2000.

At the EPA November 21, 2000 Permit, Response to Comments, Comment Number D. 25., we presented the following:

Comment Number D. 25. AOC Number 1- Building 17 Mercury Removal Actions. NNMC comment indicates that the site is Cleaned up / Not an AOC. The comment also indicates that the letter attached as Appendix I-2 from Kim Lemaster, Section Head, Federal / NPL Superfund Division of MDE, dated June 5, 2000, indicates that MDE concurs with the Knaves recommendation for no further action. There is no known present activities that have resulted in a condition that pose a threat to human health and/or the environment.

EPA Response: *AOC Number 1 involves removal actions that were not listed in the RFA, since discovery of the problem postdated both the Preliminary Assessment (PA) Report and RFA. It was included in the EII Report based on discussions with NNMC*



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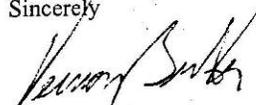
and the Final Post-Remedial Action Report. Thorough evaluation of the Post-removal Action Report by EPA is necessary prior to removal of the AOC in the RFI Plan.

NNMC must inspect AOC Number 1 to assure that old plumbing still in use at the facility will not release mercury in the same area in the future. After NNMC completes its inspection, EPA, in its discretion, may close out this AOC if one of the following conditions is met: (1) no further action is required or (2) any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents that pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment have been addressed.

EPA has completed its review of your Final Interim Measures Report and the Responses to Comments and finds that the reports demonstrates that (1) the interim measures were extended to include buildings 18 and 21; (2) the interim measures to remove mercury contamination conducted under the EPA approved work plan were satisfactory implemented; and the completed tasks followed the intent of the original work plan. Further, the post remediation sampling demonstrates that the removal / decontamination activities are acceptable. Therefore, EPA find that no further action is required for Area of Concern Number 1.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 814-3425.

Sincerely



Vernon Butler, RPM
RCRA Operations Branch

Enclosure

cc: B. Greaves, EPA
A. Yazdanian, MDE
W. Freeman, NNMC
S. Rhone, NNMC



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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Commanding Officer
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20889

Re: Notice of No Further Action Required
Solid Waste Management Unit Number 16
Temporary Storage Room
Permit For Corrective Action and Waste Minimization (Permit)
National Naval Medical Center (NNMC)
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20889
MD4 17 002 4687

Dear Rear Admiral K. L. Martin:

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.15, promulgated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 6921 - 6939 (b), on November 21, 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) issued its portion of the full RCRA Permit to the Department of the Navy National Naval Medical Center as operator and owner of the Bethesda, Maryland facility. EPA, then, forwarded the EPA RCRA permit for corrective action and waste minimization. Also forwarded was the EPA Response to Comments which addresses the public comments submitted by NNMC on July 13, 2000 draft Permit. Included in the Permit, among the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU) at the Facility, is a Less-Than-90- Day temporary Storage Room, SWMU Number 16.

At Comment Number D. 12. of the EPA November 21, 2000 Response to Comments for the Permit, EPA presented that SWMU Number 16 may be closed out following completion of the following:

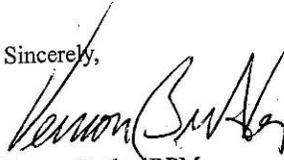
"NNMC must conduct an inspection at SWMU Number 16 after removal of all stored RCRA regulated materials to assure that there is no evidence of releases. After NNMC completes its inspection, EPA, in its discretion, may close out SWMU Number 16 if one of the following conditions is met: (1) no further action is required or (2) any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents that pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment have been addressed."



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On August 22, 2001, NNMC submitted to EPA a copy of the June 28, 2001 Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) letter in which MDE indicates that it has completed its September 19, 2000 inspection of SWMU 16 and determined that all waste has been removed, there has been no indication of a release from this SWMU as reflected through historic MDE inspections, and, the storage room has been closed in accordance with RCRA. EPA concurs with the MDE findings and determines that no further action is required for Solid Waste Management Unit Number 16. If you have any questions regarding the Permit, please contact me at (215) 814-3425.

Sincerely,



Vernon Butler, RPM
RCRA Operations Branch

cc: B. Greaves, EPA
A. Yazdanian, MDE
W. Freeman, NNMC

List of Government Entities and Community Associations
That Were Sent the Draft EIS and/or the NOA/NOPH

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		Director of Naval History	Naval Historical Center, U.S. Department of the Navy
			Navy Federal Preservation Office, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Cultural Resources Division, U.S. Department of the Navy
Mr.	Willie R.	Taylor, Director	Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, U.S. Department of the Interior
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Mr.	Richard	Hawthorne	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
		Planning Manager	Montgomery County Offices of the County Executive, Planning Implementation
Mr.	Phil	Alperson, Montgomery County BRAC Coordinator	Office of County Executive
Mr.	Mohammad	Siddique, Deputy Director Special Projects	Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Office of the Director
Mr.	David	Moss	Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Director's Office
Ms.	Carolyn	Biggins, Chief	Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Transit Services
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		Reference Services	Rockville Library
		Reference Services	Bethesda Library
		Reference Services	Chevy Chase Library
		Reference Services	Davis Library
		Reference Services	Kensington Park Library
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Mr.	Michael	Marsh, President	Chevy Chase Hills Civic Association
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Ms.	Kristen	Hohman	Locust Hill Citizens Association
Mr.	Jon	Alterman	Bethesda Parkview Citizens Association
Ms.	Deborah	Michaels	Glenbrook Village Homeowners Association
Ms.	Ilaya	Hopkins, President	East Bethesda Citizens Association

* Via Navy Office of Legislative Affairs.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES THAT WERE SENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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Mr.	Douglas B.	Kamerow, Board of Managers Chair	Chevy Chase Village
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Mr.	Bill	Brownlee, Village Council Chairman	Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase
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Ms.	Debbie	Beers, Mayor	Town of Glen Echo

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Mr.	Steven Teitelbaum	Battery Park Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Diana Bruhn	Battery Park Citizens Assn.
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Mr.	Hirsch Davis	Bethesda Park A Condo.
Mr.	Jon Alterman	Bethesda Parkview Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Bethesda Place Community Council, Inc.
Mr.	Philip Gallas	Birmam Wood Community Assn.
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Mr.	Nelson Rosenbaum	Bradley Hills Civic Assn.
Ms.	Robin DeSilva	Bradley House Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Joanna Neal	Bradley Park Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Charles Doran	Brickyard Road Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Thomas Carlson	Bristol Square Condominium
Mr.	Steven Heyman	Brookside Citizens Assn., Inc.
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Mr.	Geoffrey Bidle	Chevy Chase Village

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	City Manager	Chevy Chase Village, Section III
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Mr.	Mark Fernandez	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Sue Anderson	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
Mr.	Avi Adler	Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Assn.
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Mr.	Duane Thompson	Citizens United to Save the Circle
	Property Manager	City Commons of Bethesda
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Mr.	Hank Jacob	City Homes of Edgemoor HOA
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Ms.	Seena King	Drumaldry Homes Assn.
	Contact	Drummond Citizens Assn.
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Ms.	Cheryl Wetter	East Gate III Homes Assn., Inc.
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Ms.	Marianne Cordier	Falls Ridge Homeowners Assn.
Dr.	Steven Janowitz	Fallsbend Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	John Saveland	Fallsmead Homes Corp.
Mr.	Michael Spalletta	Fallsreach and Fallsberry Civic
Mr.	Bernie Brill	Fallsreach Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Sarah Fitzpatrick	Fallstone Condominium
Mr.	Phil Corn	Fallstone Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Charles Lileikis	Fallswick Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Robert Fogel	Fallswick Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	David L'Heureux	Fallswood Civic Assn.
Mr.	Franklin Groff	Fallswood Condominium Assn.
Ms.	Dolores Milmoie	For A Rural Montgomery (F.A.R.M)
Ms.	Ann Fink	Forty Seven Twenty CC Drive Condo

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Ms.	Barbara McCall	Forty Seven Twenty CC Drive Condo
Mr.	Joseph Fitzgerald	Forty Seven Twenty CC Condo Assn.
Mr.	Gary Digges	Forum Council of Co-Owners
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Fox Chapel North Homes Assn. Inc.
Mr.	Steve Goldhill	Fox Den Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Patrick McDonough	Friendship Heights Village Civic Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Tauben	Friendship Heights Village Civic Assn.
Mr.	Frank Valeo	Friendship Heights Village Council
Mr.	Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village Council
Ms.	Melanie White	Friendship Heights Village Council
Dr.	Alfred Muller	Friendship Village Civic Assn.
Mr.	Ruwan Salgado	Gables on Tuckerman Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Suzanne Hudson	Garrett Park Estates-White Flint
Mr.	Ed Reich	Georgetown Village Condominium
Mr.	Jacob Philip	Glen Park of Potomac
Mr.	Robert Steinwustzel	Glenmore Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steven Schram	Goldsboro Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Shea	Grand Bel Manor Condo Sec. III
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Greencastle Manor Condominium #2, Inc
Mr.	Hank Jacob	Greenhills Condo I
	Property Manager	Greens of Warther
Mr.	Stephen Burks	Greenwich Forest Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Elizabeth Dane	Grosvenor Park Townhouse Condominiu
Mr.	Richard Rose	Grosvenor Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	James Meister	Grosvenor Homeowners Association
Ms.	Claudia Smith	Grosvenor Mews Condominium Assn.
Ms.	Vicki Gomez	Grosvenor Park Condo I
Mr.	Dan Robinson	Grosvenor Park Condo. Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Harriet Arshawsky	Grosvenor Park Condo. Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Musco Barber	Grosvenor Park Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Linda Aley	Grosvenor Park III Condo.
Mr.	Louis Berlin	Grosvenor Square Homeowners Assn.
	Contact	Hadley Farms Community Assn.
Ms.	Ann Davis	Hamlet Citizens Assn. of Chevy Chase
Ms.	Susanne Mitchell	Hamlet House Condo.
Mr.	Alan Ward	Hamlet Place Owners, Inc.
Mr.	Wesley Stubbs	Hamlet Place Owners, Inc.
Mr.	David Oblon	Heritage Farm Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Heritage Green Condo., Inc.
Mr.	Bob Fogel	Heritage Walk Homes Corporation
Mr.	Robert Oshinsky	Heritage Walk Homes Corporation
Mr.	Ben White	Highlands Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Tom Whiteman	Hillmead Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Larry Friend	Hilltop Estates Civic Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Homeland Village at Olney Condo.
Mr.	David Hill	Hungerford Civic Assn.
Mr.	George Oberlander	Huntington Parkway Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Jonathan Isaacs	Huntington Parkway Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Ann Dorough	Huntington Terrace Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Edgar Hanley	Inverness Knolls Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Judy Starr	Inverness North Homeowners Assn., Inc.

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Ms.	Marilyn Plevin	Jefferson Square Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	William Wallace	Jones Mill Road Citizens Assn., Inc.
	Neil & Cynthia McMullen	Kendale Neighborhood Coalition
Ms.	Karen Jackson-Knight	Ken-Gar Civic Assn.
Mr.	Wayne Goldstein	Kensington Heights Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Donna Savage	Kensington Heights Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Bill Jackson	Kensington Ridge Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Bob McNeil	Kensington Terrace Citizens Group
Ms.	Elizabeth Quinn	Kensington View Citizens Assn.
Mr.	J. Thomas Nolan	Kensington Woods Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Gary Abramson	Kentsdale Estates Civic Assn.
Mr.	Benjamin Porto	Kenwood Court Homes Assn., Inc.
	Property Manager	Kenwood Forest Condo. II
Mr.	Richard Berney	Kenwood Park Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Neil Hazard	Lake Potomac Civic Assn.
	President	Lakeside Terrace Condo.
Ms.	Kristen Hohman	Locust Hill Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Judy Morenoff	Luxmanor Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Myers Allen	Maplewood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Sharon Constantine	Maplewood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Dorothy Bloomfield	Maplewood Park Place Community Assn.
Ms.	Lyn Brown	Marwood Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Ray Nightingale	Maryknoll Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Nancy Mudd	Marymount Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Gary Rosch	Massachusetts Avenue Forest Assn.
Mr. and Mrs.	Lisa & Neal Martin	Mazza Wood Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steve Baldwin	Merrimack Park Citizens Assn. - Sec. II
Mr.	Bernard Wortman	Merrimack Park Citizens Assn. Sec 1
Mr.	Tyler Abell	Merry-Go-Round Farm Cluster
Mr.	Louis Fireison	Merry-Go-Round Farm Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Middlebrook Commons Condominium
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Montclair Manor Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bill Breslyn	Montgomery Century Condo.
Mr.	Robert Gross	Montgomery Square Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Charlotte Joseph	Montrose Civic Assn.
Mr.	Colin Furtaw	Montrose Forest Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Steve Goldstein	Montrose Woods Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Montrose Woods Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Phillips	Newbridge Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Miriam Wilson	Normandy Falls Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Raymond Schmidt	North Ashburton Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Michael Garson	North Farm Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Sol Gnatt	Northern Chevy Chase Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Connie Jacobson	Old Farm Civic Association
Ms.	Karen Harris	Old Georgetown Village Condo. Assn.
Mr.	John DePalma	Old Georgetown Village Homeowners
Ms.	Victoria Cargill	Olde Coach Square Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Maxine Schwartzman	Oldfield Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	John Coggins	Palisades Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Barry Cohen	Palisades Citizens Assn.
Mr.	David Gonzalles	Paloma Court Homeowners

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Title	Contact Name	Organization
Ms.	Marietta Ethier	Parc Somerset Condo
Dr.	Niki Zaldivar	Park View Citizens Assn
	President	Parkside Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Kira Lueders	Parkwood Residents Assn.
Ms.	Julie Withers	Penbrook Community Assn.
Ms.	Karen Kamachaitis	Penbrooke Community Assn.
Mr.	Hank Jacob	Pooks Hill Condominium Inc.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Pooks Hill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Susan Kim	Pooks Hill Square Condo Assn.
Mr.	Gerry Levenberg	Potomac Crest Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Brenda Gehan	Potomac Crest Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Monte Gingery	Potomac Falls Homeowners Assn.
	George and Ginny Barnes	Potomac Glen Assn.
Ms.	Jacki Frank	Potomac Glen Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Richard Sternberg	Potomac Green Civic Association
Mr.	Bill Conway, Jr.	Potomac Manor II Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Neil Sherman	Potomac Pond Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Benjamin Israel	Potomac Springs Civic Assn.
Dr.	Harvey Rubenstein	Potomac Station Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Alan Seldin	Potomac Towne Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	David Kerlina	Potomac Woods Citizens Association
Mr.	David Bach	Potomac Woods Citizens Association
Ms.	Lucille Mannelly	Preston Place T.H./C.C.L. Apt.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Quince Orchard Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Kevin Kline	Randolph Civic Assn.
	President	Randolph Civic Assn.
Mr.	Jesse Baumgold	Rannoch Road Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jerry Garson	Regency Estates Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Richard Blumstein	Regency Estates Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Andrew Kavounis	Regency Estates Citizens Association
Mr.	Steven Mister	Ridgeleigh Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Ian Knight	River Falls Community Center Assn.
Mr.	Martin Zamula	Riverhill Condominium Assn.
Mr.	John Tiernan	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Thomas Durek	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Anne Venzen	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Linda Guest	Riverhill Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	David P. Fitch	Rivers Edge Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Roger Barth	Riverway Homeowners Assn.
	President/ Board of Directors	Riviera of Chevy Chase Condo.
Ms.	Judith Koenick	Rock Creek Forest Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Shannon Hamm	Rock Creek Hills Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Jacquelyn Stevens	Rock Creek Hills Residents Assn.
Mr.	Alvin Geske	Rock Creek Palisades Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Rolling Spring Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Gabriele Gandal	Rollingwood Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Alicia Wattenberg	Sacks Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Miriam Israel	Sacks Neighborhood Assn.
Ms.	Marie Dray	Sacks Neighborhood Council
Mr.	David Berg	Saddlebrook Association
Ms.	Ella Cook	Scotland Community Development Assn.

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Mr.	Francis L. Higgins	Section 5 of Village of Chevy Chase
Mr.	James Flood	Senecabrook Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jerrold Garson	Seven Locks Civic Assn
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Shady Grove Village III Condo.
Ms.	Virginia Mitz	Somerset Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Bernard Norwood	Somerset House II Condominium
Mr.	Peter Cody	Somerset House, A Condominium
Mr.	Jordan Goldstein	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Fichman	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Joan Lunney	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Joy Rafey	Sonoma Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Al Beer	South Bradley Hills Neighborhood
Mr.	Marc Toplin	South Tuckerman-Inverness Citizens
Ms.	Bonnie Henderson	Spring Lake Condominium Assn.
	President	Spring Lake Condominium Assn.
Dr.	Andrew Muchmore	Spring Ridge Road Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Ali Koknar	Stoneybrook Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	David Sacks	Strathmore Park Condo Assn.
Mr.	William Fisher	Strathmore Park Condo Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Strathmore Place Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Melvin Dickover	Strathmore Place Homeowners Assn.
	Property Manager	Sumner Square Condo. Assn.
Ms.	Laurie Lyons	Tara Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Vernon Ricks	Teversall Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Bill Adler	The Mains Homeowners Assn.
	Property Manager	Three Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Marta Vogel	Tilden Woods Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Herbert Maisel	Tildenwood Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Steven Landsman	Tildenwood Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Mr.	Surinder Juneja	Timberlawn South/Tuckerman Walk HOA
Mr.	Nick Holst	Timberlawn South-Tuckerman Walk
Mr.	Hank Jacob	Timberwood on the Park
Mr.	Todd Hoffman	Town of Chevy Chase - Section IV
Ms.	Kitty Raufaste	Town of Kensington
Mr.	Walter Behr	Town of Somerset
Ms.	Fern Brodney	Treasure Oak Community Association
Mr.	Henry Jacob	Trophy Court Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Craig Windham	Tuckerman Station Condominium
Mr.	Martin Rush	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Bernadine Kalberer	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Tuckerman Station Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Susan Cameron	Turning Creek Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bernard Fiskens	Village of Bethesda HOA
Mr.	Michael Cicero	Village of Drummond
Ms.	Jean Spurling	Village of Martin's Addition
Ms.	Sally Klippel	Village of North Chevy Chase
Mr.	Andy Miller	Vineyard Condo. Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Chris Worch	Walnut Woods Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Henry Jacobs	Waterford Place Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Jeffrey May	West Bethesda Park Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Carl Kownig	West Bradley Citizens Assn.

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Ms.	Sandy Vogelgesang	West Bradley Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Patricia Knowles-Stogoski	West Kensington Civic Assn.
Ms.	Barbara Barracato	Westchester Condominium
Ms.	Barbara Barracato	Westchester Homeowners Assn.
Mr.	Bruce Blumberg	Westchester West Condo Assn.
Mr.	Alan Ehrlich	Westlake Park Condo Assn.
	General Manager	Westlake Park Condo. B Inc.
Mr.	Peter Kirchner	Westlake Terrace Civic Assn.
Mr.	Michael Laplaca	Westlake Terrace Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Jonathan Turak	Westlake Terrace Condominium Assn.
Mr.	Glen Loveland	Westlake Terrace Condominium Assn.
	Property Manager	Westlake Terrace Park Condo A
Ms.	Lynn Mangione	Westlake Towers Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Tony Zapata	Wetherstone Homeowners Assn.
	President	Wexford Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Shireen Ambush	Wheaton Square East Condo. Assn.
Mr.	Michael Modesitt	Whitehall Condominium Association
Mr.	Michael Tardif	Whitehall Condominium Association
Ms.	Pam Miller	Whittier Woods Civic Assn.
Mr.	Dennis Cassidy	Wickford Community Assn.
Mr.	Jack Cochrane	Wildwood Hills Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Jay Etris	Wildwood Manor Citizens Assn.
Mr.	Steve Good	Wildwood Manor Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Martha Golden	Willoughby of Chevy Chase
Mr.	Garry Plushnick	Willowbrook Cambridge Resident Assn.
Mr.	Alan Feld	Willowbrook Citizens Assn.
Ms.	Donna Ely	Winterset Civic Assn.
Mr.	Harold Weiss	Wisconsin Condo Homeowners Assn.
Ms.	Ann Fink	Woodfield at Manchester Farms
Ms.	Pam Blumenthal	Woodhaven Citizens Association
Mr.	Earl Kendrick	Woodmont Spring Condos
Ms.	Debbie Weinman	Woodrock Homeowners Assn., Inc.
Ms.	Virginia Miller	Wyngate Citizens Assn.

Scoping/Public Information Meeting Attendees That Were Sent the Draft EIS Public Notice

First Name	Last Name	Title	Company
Ed	Krauze		
George H.F.	Oberlander		Huntington Parkway Citizen Association
Gerald and Renate	Baumer		
Ghassem S.	Mobin		IMD Inc.
Jeff	Kidwell		
Joan D.	Kleinman		Office of Congressman Van Hollen
Lorraine	Driscoll		HTCA
Moses	Otuyelu		
Peter	Kennedy		
W	Wallert		Potomac Falls HA
William	White		
A.	Noe		
Adda	Millon		
Barbara	Reinike		
Carol	Crout		
David	Cooney, MD		
Eric	Dickson		Waste Water Management
Gerald	Hodges		
Gretchun	Brewer		
J Franklin	Groff		Falkswood Apart. Condo
Jenny	Dunner		Co-ord. Committee in Friendship Heights
Ki H.	Kim		M-NCPPC
Liz	Donaldson		
Marian	Bradford		Camelot News Hott
Marles K.	Haurahan		
Mary Lou	Doneski		
Patricia	Belling	US Navy - Retired	
Peggy	Schwartz		North Bethesda Transportation Center
William P.	Hanrahan, Jr.	Colonel (retired)	

**Examples of Draft EIS Transmittal Letter and Public
Notice**

Typical Draft EIS Distribution Correspondence Format



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20889-5600

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr./Ms. Name
title
Office/Department of (name)
Address
City, state zip

Dear Mr./Ms. (name):

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT 2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIONS AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND.

The Department of Navy is pleased to provide you a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Libraries are requested to file this document for public access and references. The document is also available at the following internet address:

<http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/PublicAffairs/BRAC/>

Representatives of the Department of Navy will conduct two public hearings for the DEIS to encourage full public participation in this process. Written and recorded comments will be accepted during this time. The two hearings will be held on:

January 9 and 10, 2008 from 6 PM to 8 PM, at the Pooks Hill Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Montgomery County, Maryland.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the alternatives will be addressed, representatives of the Department of Navy will provide a formal overview of the proposed action and solicit public comments from all interested parties during the meetings.

Agencies and the public are also encouraged to provide written comments in addition to, or in lieu of, verbal comments at the public meetings. To be most helpful, comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics within the DEIS. All comments

on the DEIS must be postmarked, faxed, or submitted electronically by midnight January 28, 2008. Comments should be sent to:

Officer in Charge-BRAC
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20889
Fax: (301) 295-5020

Comments may also be submitted via electronic mail to:
NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil.

For requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids at the scheduled public hearings, please contact, by January 4 2008:

Officer in Charge-BRAC
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20889
Telephone: (301) 295-2722 during normal business hours Monday through Friday.
Fax: (301) 295-5020
Email: NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Enclosures:

1. Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Appendices A through D for the Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.
2. Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Hearing of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ACTIVITIES TO IMPLEMENT 2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIONS AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The Navy announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for potential environmental impacts associated with implementing actions directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act of 1990 as amended in 2005, at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, Maryland. Under the 2005 BRAC law, Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will relocate all tertiary (sub-specialty and complex care) medical services to the NNMC campus in Bethesda from WRAMC. This new military health care center is to be named the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) Bethesda. By law the realignment actions must be accomplished by 15 September 2011. The BRAC realignment actions will bring additional patients and visitors requiring additional staff and facilities at NNMC. The DEIS provides information on proposed new construction and facility alterations and an assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with these actions and their subsequent operation at WRNMMC Bethesda.

The public review period for the DEIS is from 14 December 2007 to 28 January 2008. Copies of the DEIS have been placed at the following locations: Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Chevy Chase Library, 8005 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815; Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD, 20817; Kensington Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD, 20895; Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD, 20814; Bethesda Urban Partnership, Inc., 7700 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1204, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

The DEIS is also available at the following websites:

http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/Professional/Public_Affairs/BRAC/

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac>

The Navy invites the general public, local governments, state and other federal agencies to submit written comments to the Navy concerning the assessment of environmental impacts provided by the DEIS. All comments must be dated no later than midnight January 28, 2008 to be accepted and addressed in the Final EIS. Please submit comments by mail, by E-Mail at NNMCEIS@med.navy.mil, or by Fax at: (301) 295-5020. The mailing address for comments is:

Officer in Charge – BRAC
National Naval Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20889

The Navy also invites the public and government agency representatives to participate in public hearings for the DEIS where verbal and written comments can also be presented to Navy representatives. The Navy will hold two public hearings on January 9 and 10, 2008 from 6 PM to 8 PM, at the Pooks Hill Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD, 20814.

The Navy requests that people asking to speak at either public meeting prepare their statements to meet a 3-minute limitation on the length of that part of the statement to be presented verbally. This is to ensure that all persons desiring to make a comment at the meeting are given that opportunity, not to constrain any individual's ability to fully provide their comment. The Navy requests that to ensure the full

comment is received and can be properly addressed, statements of considerable length that exceed the time allotted for each verbal statement, as well as technical statements, be also submitted in writing.

To obtain additional information concerning the DEIS or public hearings, or to make a request for special assistance at either of the public hearings, such as for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids, please contact Navy representatives at the addresses provided above or by telephone at: (301) 295-2722. There will be an individual available to answer the phone between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays, excluding holidays, and an answering machine to take a message at all other times. Please submit any requests for assistance at the hearings by January 4, 2008 to allow time to respond.

Attachment 3: Public Hearing Attendance

List of Public Hearing Attendees

NNMC BRAC DEIS PUBLIC MEETING Sign-in Sheet January 9, 2008

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Pam	Browning	Save the Trail Petition
Gianne	Italiano	Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Lauren	Hill	Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Centers
Jason	Fishell	Clark Construction
John	Wetterau	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Tom	Autrey	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Felicia	Mcgrath	General Public
Lisa	Goenner	General Public
Jim	Mullikin	General Public
Ken	Reichard	Senator Cardin's Office
Fay S.	Ragland	General Public (Neighbor)
Audrey	Dutton	The Gazette
Andrew	Forsyth	General Public
Brian	Temme	Jacobs
Anne	Delp	US Army
Mel	Peller	General Public
Marian	Bradford	Camelot Mews Home Owners Association
Joan	Kleinman	Congressman Van Hollen
Ellyn	Goldkind	National Capital Planning Commission
Randy	Treiber	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Dennis & Denise	Nelson	General Public
George	Milnk	Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
Lauren	Spiliotes	Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Alice A.	Meehan	Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Andrew	Bossi	Maryland State Highway Administration District 3 Traffic
Royal S.	Buyer	General Public
Ellen	Milhiser	Synopsis Newsletter
Dr. S. A.	Glazer	General Public
David	Goldstein	General Public
Frank H.	Henderson, Jr.	General Public
Maxwell	Carroll	General Public
Shariar	Etemadi	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Peter	Kennedy	General Public
Eleanor	Cromwick	Turner Construction

NNMC BRAC DEIS PUBLIC MEETING Sign-in Sheet January 9, 2008

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Patrick	O'Neil	Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Lee	Schroeder	General Public
Stephen	Monarque	General Public
Malcolm	Rivkin	General Public
Robert N.	Gray	EBCA
Richard	Dunn	FASEB
Barbara	Peller	General Public
Janet	Maalouf	Maplewood Citizens Association
Andy	Scott	Maryland Department of Transportation
Bill	Lensins	General Public
John	Carman	General Public
Gerard R.	Cichy	Maryland Transit Administration
Phil	Alperson	Montgomery County BRAC Coordinator
Deborah	Michaels	Glenbrook Village HOA
Cyrena	Eitler	DOD/Office of Economic Adjustment
Thomas	Robertson	Bethesda Urban Partnership
Will	Skowronski	Capital News Service
Eli	McGuigan	National Naval Medical Center

NNMC BRAC DEIS PUBLIC MEETING Sign-in Sheet January 10, 2008

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Capt. & Mrs. Art	Rawson	SubVets
Phyllis	Edelman	Citizens Coordinating on Friendship Heights
Austin	O'Connor	General Public
Holly	Hewatt	General Public
Howard	Kaplan	NCC Village
Kira	Lueders	Parkwood Residents Association
Allen	Myers	Maplewood Citizens Association
Ron	Spaulding	Maryland Department of Transportation
Ori	Levi	General Public
Rochelle	Fellender	General Public
Michael	Raia	Office of Maryland Lt. Governor Anthony Brown
Will	Blacklow	Office of Maryland Delegate William Bronrott
Delegate William	Bronrott	Maryland General Assembly
Sheila (Sarah)	Cogan	Capitol View Historic District
Ken	Reichard	Office of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin
Eleanor	Cromwick	Turner Construction
Jason	Fishell	Clark Construction
Billy	Hwang	Maryland Department of Transportation
Gerard R.	Cichy	Maryland Transit Administration
Illaya	Hopkins	EBCA
Matt	Streich	General Public
Ellen	Richmond	General Public
Paul	Cauchon	General Public
Timothy	Vogt	Parkview Citizens Association
Caleb	Kriesberg	Purple Line Master Plan Advisory Group
Phil	Alperson	Montgomery County BRAC Coordinator
Neil	Greene	Maplewood Civ. Association
Gail	Becker	General Public
Vivian	Ehrlich	General Public

Attachment 4: Comments on the Draft EIS

List of Commenters Providing Comments during the Draft
EIS Public Review Period

List of Public Agencies and Officials Providing Comments on the Draft EIS

Commenter Last Name	Commenter First Name	Organization	Cmt Number	Resource Area
Janey, J.D. Assistant Secretary for Clearinghouse and Communications	Linda C.	Maryland Department of Planning	20 through 29	1.0 General
Porcari	John D.	Maryland Department of Transportation	30 through 70	1.0 General
Bronrott	Honorable William	Maryland General Assembly	467	9.0 Transportation
Daniel	Judy	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	468, 468.1	7.0 Land/Socio
MNCPPC Staff	MNCPPC Staff	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	71 through 114	3.0 Air
Carman, Chair	John H.	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	546	1.0 General
Chuck	Flyod	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	547 through 550	9.0 Transportation
Coleman	Dennis	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	553 through 571	3.0 Air
Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	115 through 198	9.0 Transportation
Wheeland	Daniel	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	551, 551.1, 551.2, 552	9.0 Transportation
Berliner	Honorable Roger	Montgomery County Council Member	199 through 208	1.0 General
Montgomery County DEP		Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection	216 through 232	2.0 Natural Resources
Montgomery County DPWT		Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation	260 through 329	9.0 Transportation
DPS, Land Development Division		Montgomery County DPS, Land Development Division	212 through 215	9.0 Transportation
Leggett	Honorable Isiah	Montgomery County Executive	233 through 251	1.0 General
Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service		Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service	252 through 259	1.0 General
Acosta	Marcel	National Capital Planning Commission	10 through 18	9.0 Transportation
Wheeland, Director, Office of Research Facilities Development and Operations	Daniel	National Institutes of Health	330 through 345	1.0 General
Harms	Christopher W.	NOAA National Geodetic Survey	9	1.0 General

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Van Hollen	Honorable Chris	United States Congress	1 through 7	1.0 General
Chezik	Michael	United States Department of Interior	8	1.0 General
Arguto, NEPA Team Leader Office of Environmental Programs	William	US Environmental Protection Agency Region III	19 through 19.3	1.0 General

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Alterman	Jon	Parkview CA	469-471.1	3.0 Air
Anonymous		General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	581	8.0 HHS
Anonymous		General Public	1015	1.0 General
Anonymous		General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	843	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	844	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	845	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	846	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	847	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	848	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	849	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	850	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	851	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	852	9.0 Transportation
Anonymous		General Public	852.1	9.0 Transportation
Atkin	Leslie	General Public	772 through 773	9.0 Transportation
Avery	Carolyn	General Public	647	9.0 Transportation
Bacon	Clarence M.	General Public	766 through 767	1.0 General
Baker-Masson	Pamela	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Barker Rieff	David Heather	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Barnes, Mayor	Linda	Town of Chevy Chase	1025 through 1032	9.0 Transportation
Beamon	Arthur	General Public	652	9.0 Transportation
Becker	Gail	General Public	576, 580, 680, 748	9.0 Transportation
Belkin	David and Ellen	General Public	760 through 765	1.0 General
BIC	BIC	BIC	115 through 198	9.0 Transportation

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Bossi	Andrew	General Public	658	9.0 Transportation
Bowers	John & Karen	General Public	914	9.0 Transportation
Bradley	Kelly	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Brisusco	Raymond	General Public	803	1.0 General
Burkhardt	Gloria	General Public	842, 1119.1	1.0 General
Buschman, M.S. Program Analyst Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health	Justine	General Public	645	9.0 Transportation
Buyer	Roy	General Public	670	3.0 Air
Capt. Art	Rawson	General Public	675	9.0 Transportation
Carroll	Maxwell	General Public	655, 669	9.0 Transportation
Caswell	Cynthia	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
CDR (USN ret) Berggren	Paul Dow	General Public	832, 833	9.0 Transportation
Cech, Ph. D., President,	Thomas R.	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	804 through 815	9.0 Transportation
Chuck	Flyod	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	547 through 550	9.0 Transportation
Coleman	Dennis	Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee	553 through 571	3.0 Air
Cooper	Bernard	General Public	781, 782, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Costello	John	General Public	915	1.0 General
Cox	Carol	General Public	639, 640	9.0 Transportation
Cromwick	Elly	General Public	678	9.0 Transportation

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Davey	Lucinda	General Public	738, 739	9.0 Transportation
David Levy, Chair Patrick Mazuzan, Treasurer Barbara Moskowitz, Secretary		Oakmont Citizens Committee	834, 835, 836	9.0 Transportation
Davies	Joe	General Public	641 through 644	9.0 Transportation
Deigan	Federica	General Public	719, 719	9.0 Transportation
Dorsey	Carol	General Public	1014	9.0 Transportation
Drapkin	Ro	General Public	651	9.0 Transportation
Driscoll	Lorraine	Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association	690, 691, 691.1, 692	9.0 Transportation
EBCA		EBCA	346 through 382	3.0 Air
Edelman, Chair	Phyllis R.	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights, Inc.	820 through 831	1.0 General
Emmerman	Christina	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Feiner, Ph. D.	Ava	General Public	794 through 802	1.0 General
Finchman	Barbara	General Public	583	9.0 Transportation
Fitzmaurice	Carey	General Public	990 through 993	1.0 General
Fogleman, Executive Director	Guy	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology	1115, 1116	9.0 Transportation
Follender	Rochelle	General Public	885	9.0 Transportation
Forsyth	Andrew	General Public	665, 665.1	9.0 Transportation
Fox	Michael	General Public	768 through 740	1.0 General
Friedman	Paul	General Public	789	9.0 Transportation
Garnier Volz	Maribeth	General Public	934 through 944	9.0 Transportation

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Gay Granik	Marian T.	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Gilbert	Johnson	General Public	956, 957, 958	9.0 Transportation
Giovanni	Maria Y.	General Public	732, 733, 734, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association		Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association	383 through 429, 480 through 536	3.0 Air
Goenner	Lisa	General Public	666	9.0 Transportation
Goldberg, Current Chair	Natalie	Coalition of Kensington Communities	816 through 819	9.0 Transportation
Goldstein	David	General Public	671, 1080 through 1083	1.0 General
Gómez	Maria T	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Granik	Marian T. Gay and William R.	General Public	945, 945.1	9.0 Transportation
Grant-Suttie	Atalanta	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Grayer	Stacey & Mark	General Public	994, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Greene	Neil	General Public	683	9.0 Transportation
Hall	Victoria	General Public	858 through 884	2.0 Natural Resources
Hannan	Mike	General Public	700	9.0 Transportation
Hansen	Peggy Anne	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Hohman, President	Kristen	Locust Hill CA	741 through 747	9.0 Transportation
Holmay	Kathleen	General Public	582	1.0 General
Holmes	David O.	General Public	693	9.0 Transportation
Hopkins, President	Ilaya	East Bethesda Citizens Association	673, 674	1.0 General
Huntington Parkway Citizens Associations		Huntington Parkway Citizens Associations	430	9.0 Transportation

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Iams	Howard	General Public	783 through 787	9.0 Transportation
Ireland	Ken	General Public	947 through 954	9.0 Transportation
Janssens	Miebeth	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Johnstone, Secretary	Tracey A.	Action Committee for Transit	904 through 913	9.0 Transportation
Kaplan	Howard	General Public	672, 679, 685	9.0 Transportation
Kennedy	Peter J.	General Public	668, 707 through 718, 955	9.0 Transportation
Kidwell	Jeff	General Public	210, 612 through 638	9.0 Transportation
King	Helene	General Public	1117	1.0 General
Kirkbride	Greg & Susam	General Public	1013	1.0 General
Klein	Jason	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Koch	Milton and Susan	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Kriesberg	Caleb	General Public	684	9.0 Transportation
Lemon	Jim	General Public	1113, 1113.1	1.0 General
Lev Gold	Ori Sara	General Public	995 through 1012	2.0 Natural Resources
Liberman	Ellen	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Locust Hill Citizens Association		Locust Hill CA	431 through 436, 537 through 545	9.0 Transportation
Love, PhD	Paul A.	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Lueders	Kira	General Public	1102 through 1111	9.0 Transportation

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Lueders	Kira K.	Parkwood Residents Association	681 through 682	9.0 Transportation
Lutes	Mark E.	General Public	726, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Mahowald	Greg	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Maloney, Chairman O'Neil, Vice President	Kevin P. Patrick L.	The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce	975 through 989	1.0 General
Maplewood Citizens Association		Maplewood Citizens Association	437 through 466	3.0 Air
Marion Woods Lubbert & Family		General Public	649, 650	9.0 Transportation
Mark, PhD, MBA	Tami L	General Public	887 through 897	9.0 Transportation
Markowitz	Eric	General Public	1089, 1090, 1091	9.0 Transportation
McCallum	Jim	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
McClatchy	Eileen	General Public	779, 780	9.0 Transportation
McGrath	Felicity	General Public	667	9.0 Transportation
McGrath White Jr	Felicity A William H.	General Public	1016 through 1022	9.0 Transportation
Meehan, Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs	Avis	Howard Hughes Medical Institute	659	9.0 Transportation
Mentari, MD	Evelyn	General Public	699	9.0 Transportation
Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association		Glenbrook Village Home Owners Association	572, 573	7.0 Land/Socio
Mitchell	Nancy N.	General Public	701 through 706	9.0 Transportation
Monarque	Stephen	General Public	657	1.0 General
Moorhead	Susan C.	General Public	697	1.0 General
Mosbaek	Kristen	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Myers, President	Allen	Maplewood Citizens Association	676	9.0 Transportation
Nash	Barbara	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Nelson	Denise	General Public	660 through 664	9.0 Transportation
Neufeld Ostrach	Sandra	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Nienaber	Lois	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
NIH employee		General Public	648	9.0 Transportation
O'Connor	Austin	General Public	924 through 933, 1120.1	9.0 Transportation

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O'Keefe	Kristin	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Pahl	Tom, Tish, and Tommy	General Public	731	9.0 Transportation
Palladino Piepmeier	Grace Brad	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Payne	Martin	General Public	788, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Philpott	Steve	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Reinckenz	Sharon	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Resnick	Bernard T.	General Public	575	9.0 Transportation
Rice	Steve and Robin	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Rivkin	Malcolm	General Public	211, 653, 654	9.0 Transportation
Robertson	Thomas	General Public	656	1.0 General
Rodrigues	Dennis	General Public	686, 687	9.0 Transportation
Ross	Amy	General Public	735 through 737	9.0 Transportation
Roth	Steven	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Russell	Roxanne	General Public	837 through 841	9.0 Transportation
Sarlo	Christina	General Public	946	1.0 General
Savage	Betty	General Public	1114	1.0 General
Schwartz	April	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Seiffert	Dianne and Perry	General Public	959 through 974	1.0 General
Sherburne	Edward G.	Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	1092 through 1096	8.0 HHS
Shroeder	Lee P	General Public	1099, 1100, 1101	9.0 Transportation
Shuttleworth	Susan	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Silveman	Elsa B.	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Smith	Steve	General Public	1023, 1024, 1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Stein	Noah	General Public	1040 through 1079	2.0 Natural Resources
Stelzig	Tim and Julie	Parkview Community Association/Co-Presidents	916 through 923, 1112, 1120	1.0 General
Strauss	Lisa	General Public	577, 578, 579	9.0 Transportation

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Strickland	Ken	Chevy Chase Valley Citizens Association	1084 through 1088	9.0 Transportation
Stuckey	Scott	General Public	610, 611	9.0 Transportation
Suomela	Kirt	General Public	698	9.0 Transportation
Sweezy	Sharon Lynn	General Public	1033 through 1039	1.0 General
Swett	Marjorie	General Public	886, 1119.1	1.0 General
Tercyak	Kenneth	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Teunis	Susan	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Thaler	Paul & Melinda	General Public/Locust Hill Residents	749 through 759	9.0 Transportation
Urofsky	Melissa	General Public	723 through 730	9.0 Transportation
Wange	Ronald	General Public	774 through 778	9.0 Transportation
Warnock	Annette	General Public	790 through 793	9.0 Transportation
Welch	Stacy	General Public	1120.1	9.0 Transportation
Wilks	Madeline	General Public	1119.1	9.0 Transportation
Willsey	A	General Public	688	1.0 General
WMCCAB		WMCCAB	473 through 479	1.0 General
Woodyard	Shawn	General Public	689	9.0 Transportation
Wortman	Judith S.	General Public	694 through 696	3.0 Air
Yanni	Louis	General Public	574 through 609	9.0 Transportation
Yepez	Jaime	General Public	721, 722	9.0 Transportation
Yorks	Melissa	General Public	646	9.0 Transportation
Young	Patricia and Frank	General Public	898 through 903, 1191.1	1.0 General
Zier and Harless	Marcia and William	General Public	1097, 1098	9.0 Transportation

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Officials Letters for Comments on Draft EIS**

United States Congressman Chris Van Hollen Letter

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January 28, 2008

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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for BRAC Action

Dear Admiral Jeffries:

I submit the following comments in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") on the proposed expansion of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) as required by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990, as amended. This BRAC action intends to relocate many of the services of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) from Washington, D.C. to the NNMC campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

As I noted by letter in December 2006 requesting extension of the scoping period, the challenges in combining the operations of the WRAMC and the NNMC are substantial. Nonetheless, with the requisite cooperation of the various governmental agencies involved, this project can provide important benefits to our community and to our country. Most critically, it will create a world-class campus for delivery of the finest medical services available for treating our returning servicemen and women. In doing so, it will also increase the opportunities for collaboration between NNMC and its neighboring medical institutions – the National Institutes of Health, Suburban Hospital, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, a collaboration that benefits all who live within metropolitan Washington, D.C.

While I support its objectives, I believe it is imperative that the challenges created by this BRAC project are addressed in ways that both meet the objectives of the military and are consistent with the needs and requirements of the community in which it is located.

Since the release of the DEIS on December 14, 2007, Montgomery County officials, agencies, community and neighborhood organizations, and numerous

individuals have worked tirelessly to identify specific concerns with the substance of the DEIS and to highlight areas of deficiency in its methodology and analysis. They have undertaken this process with great thoughtfulness and seriousness of purpose and have systematically and exhaustively identified significant flaws in the DEIS and issues requiring additional study.

I share the community and Montgomery County's concerns in these many areas. Certainly, the increase in traffic that this merger will cause is at the top of every list of significant impacts and requires extensive mitigation. Unfortunately, the DEIS does not recommend mitigations sufficient to allay these well-justified concerns. Moreover, other legitimate concerns raised by the stakeholders – including those relating to parking, noise and air quality, enhancements for bicycle and pedestrian safety and accessibility, lodging for visitors and families, use of shuttle bus service, parking for construction workers, campus environmental issues, "green" building design, and base access, among many others – must be addressed with greater specificity in the final EIS.

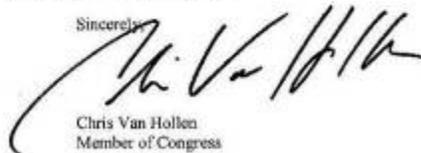
I would like to call attention to three specific issues on which the final EIS must also focus attention:

1. The Department of Defense should take greater responsibility for the road improvements required to ensure that its mission can be achieved. It would be unfair for the federal government – in pursuit of the economic efficiencies and military objectives that drive the BRAC process – to shift entirely to local and state governments the significant financial burden that flows directly from this consolidation. While the State and County are responsible for funding improvements that were needed prior to this BRAC action, it would be inequitable to require them to fund mitigations made necessary only because of this consolidation. For example, in addition to the intersection and other improvements that are recommended in Montgomery County's submission, I urge the Department of Defense to implement measures that will ensure accessibility from the Medical Center metro to the NNMC campus. In enabling employees, visitors and families of the wounded to access the base more efficiently, this improved access will serve an important military need.
2. The consolidation of WRAMC and NNMC is part of the country's national defense efforts, and road improvements are essential to ensuring adequate access to the installation. I urge the Navy to include in the final EIS a recommendation that the base commander initiate the process, as required, to make this project eligible for Defense Access Road ("DAR") Program funding. Given the facility's importance in treating our wounded servicemen and women, the roads involved are, without question, "important to our national defense" and, consequently, improvements should be funded, at least in part, through the DAR Program.
3. NNMC should establish a Community Liaison Council to foster communication between the facility and its neighbors throughout the construction period and continuing through the transition to the new Walter Reed National Military

Medical Center. The local neighborhood associations have expressed their commitment to work with NNMC to ensure that this consolidation is successful and meets the military's objectives. Creating a mechanism for facilitating ongoing communication will enable the community to be informed of actions that would affect the community in the upcoming months and to share and resolve concerns in a forum that invites cooperation.

This BRAC action has the unique feature of being undertaken in an urban, highly developed and congested area. In light of this status, I urge the Departments of Defense, Army and Navy to take all appropriate actions to mitigate the anticipated impacts on the community of this consolidation. In so doing, the federal government will create its world-class medical facility in a community that is welcoming and cooperative and will play a critical part in ensuring the success of this expanded facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Van Hollen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "V".

Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress

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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Letter



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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January 28, 2008

Mr. David K. Oliveria
BRAC Program Manager
National Naval Medical Center
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Re: National Naval Medical Center, Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions, Construction and Operation of New Facilities for Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland Draft Environmental Impact Statement (CEQ #20070517)

Dear Mr. Oliveria:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. As a result of this review, EPA has assigned this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) a rating of EC-2 (Environmental Concerns/Insufficient Information), which indicates that we have environmental concerns regarding the proposal and that there is insufficient information in the document to fully assess the environmental impacts of this project. A copy of EPA's ranking system is enclosed for your information.

EPA understands that Walter Reed Army Medical Center activities will be relocated from Washington, DC to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of new facilities at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC). In addition to the No Action Alternative, two alternatives are presented. Alternative One (the preferred alternative) would add approximately 1,144,000 square feet (SF) of new building construction, provide approximately 508,000 SF of renovation to existing building space at NNMC, and provide approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities.

Under Alternative Two, the same facilities are proposed; some facility sites change and the choice of new construction versus renovation of some facilities differs from Alternative One. Alternative Two would add approximately 1,230,000 SF of new building construction, approximately 423,000 SF of building renovation, and approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities. Both alternatives would accommodate approximately 2,500 additional staff and an estimated 1,862 patients and visitors each weekday.



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EPA commends the Navy for its concise evaluation; however, clarification is necessary for two areas of concern—wetlands and historic resources.

Wetlands

As noted on page 2-20, “The only structure proposed under Alternatives One and Two in the vicinity of potential wetlands is the Southern Parking facility, which as currently proposed would be at least 75 feet from the stream and would not encroach on either the potential wetland or within the 25-foot buffer afforded to non-tidal wetlands by the State of Maryland.” As the Navy mentions (page 3-11), “Any activity that involves excavating, filling, changing drainage patterns, disturbing the water level or water table, grading and removing vegetation in a non-tidal wetland or within a 25-foot buffer requires a permit.” Even though the South Parking structure is well outside the 25-foot buffer, the wetland areas have not been delineated and no jurisdictional determination has been made. As the Navy is aware, if the wetland is designated as a Special State Concern, the buffer is expanded to 100-feet. If this is the case, environmental impacts can be adverse as there appears to be at least a 75 foot buffer. It is suggested that the Navy delineate wetlands, especially in the South Parking area, to ensure there is no impact to wetlands designed Special State Concern.

Historic Resources

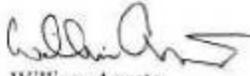
It is stated on page 4-57, “The Navy worked with the staffs of the MD SHPO and NCPC prior to officially submitting a Design Concept for the facilities to the NCPC at its October 4, 2007 meeting. Although the formal Section 106 consultation had not yet been initiated, the informal discussions and revisions that took place prior to its review and favorable comment by NCPC constitute a first step toward resolving issues connected with the impact of these planned facilities on the most sensitive historic properties.”

In addition, it is stated in the DEIS that the Navy intends to pursue a formal Section 106 consultation with the goal of achieving a ratified agreement document to resolve all adverse effects to historic properties. This agreement document would be appended to the Record of Decision on the Final Environmental Impact Statement. However, since the DEIS identifies historic resource impacts and losses that may not have been specifically addressed in the Design Concept, EPA questions why the MD State Historic Preservation Officer was not included in the Distribution List for the DEIS. It is recommended that consultation with the MD SHPO be conducted throughout the planning process.



Thank you for providing EPA with the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions regarding these comments, the staff contact for this project is Karen DelGrosso; she can be reached at 215-814-2765.

Sincerely,



William Arguto
NEPA Team Leader
Office of Environmental Programs

Enclosure (1)

**SUMMARY OF RATING DEFINITIONS
AND FOLLOW UP ACTION***

Environmental Impact of the Action

LO--Lack of Objections

The EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. The review may have disclosed opportunities for application of mitigation measures that could be accomplished with no more than minor changes to the proposal.

EC--Environmental Concerns

The EPA review has identified environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment. Corrective measures may require changes to the preferred alternative or application of mitigation measures that can reduce the environmental impact. EPA would like to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

EO--Environmental Objections

The EPA review has identified significant environmental impacts that must be avoided in order to provide adequate protection for the environment. Corrective measures may require substantial changes to the preferred alternative or consideration of some other project alternative (including the no action alternative or a new alternative). EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

EU--Environmentally Unsatisfactory

The EPA review has identified adverse environmental impacts that are of sufficient magnitude that they are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts. If the potential unsatisfactory impacts are not corrected at the final EIS stage, this proposal will be recommended for referral to the CEQ.

Adequacy of the Impact Statement

Category 1--Adequate

The EPA believes the draft EIS adequately sets forth the environmental impact(s) of the preferred alternative and those of the alternatives reasonably available to the project or action. No further analysis or data collection is necessary, but the reviewer may suggest the addition of clarifying language or information.

Category 2--Insufficient information

The draft EIS does not contain sufficient information for the EPA to fully assess the environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment, or the EPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are within the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussion should be included in the final EIS.

Category 3--Inadequate

EPA does not believe that the draft EIS adequately assesses potentially significant environmental impacts of the action, or the EPA reviewer has identified new, reasonably available alternatives that are outside of the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which should be analyzed in order to reduce the potentially significant environmental impacts. EPA believes that the identified additional information, data analyses, or discussions are of such a magnitude that they should have full public review at a draft stage. EPA does not believe that the draft EIS is adequate for the purposes of the NEPA and/or Section 309 review, and thus should be formally revised and made available for public comment in a supplemental or revised draft EIS. On the basis of the potential significant impacts involved, this proposal could be a candidate for referral to the CEQ.

*From EPA Manual 1640 Policy and Procedures for the Review of the Federal Actions Impacting the Environment

Department of Interior Letter



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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January 16, 2008

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Officer in Charge, BRAC
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Dear Officer in Charge:

The U. S. Department of the Interior (Department) has no comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Actions at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

Thank you for the opportunity for comment.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Chezik

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
NCPC File No. MP059

January 28, 2008

Officer in Charge - BRAC
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Ref: National Naval Medical Center - NCPC comments on the Draft
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for activities to implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure actions (BRAC) at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) and to establish the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland. Our comments on the DEIS focus on the Commission's role as the central planning agency for the federal government in the National Capital Region and express the staff's views on the adequacy of the environmental evaluation and on the project's potential adverse effects to the environment. NCPC has a unique role in reviewing this project and is required to comment on the draft statement's analysis of significant site-specific effects associated with the project. Our comments are as follows:

1. Transportation

NCPC staff understands that corridor studies are needed to evaluate affected areas along MD 355, Old Georgetown Road, and Cedar Lane; and a funding source of \$2,010,000 is being appropriated by the Congressional Omnibus Appropriations Bill for BRAC-related transportation study of the Maryland State Route 355 Corridor. The Navy should coordinate and actively participate with the State of Maryland, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) and the Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), to carry out the necessary studies of the proposed short-term & long-term transportation improvements related to the proposed BRAC activities as well as development in the surrounding areas.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The final EIS should clearly reflect the proposed number of employees and the criteria for the proposed space-to-employee ratio of 1:3 for the projected staff parking spaces that will be provided. Additionally, the final EIS should specify the proposed measures that will implement the Transportation Management Plan, which must be submitted for NCPC review, and should address the following:

- Current demand for employee and visitor/contractor parking spaces
- Future parking demand for employee parking
- Future parking demand for visitors/contractors
- Strategies to reduce parking demand by employees
- Strategies to reduce parking demand by visitors/contractors

Other concerns of the Commission staff include the cumulative effects of increased traffic when considered along with the planned State and County developments in the area. The final EIS should include a more comprehensive analysis and projection of cumulative traffic impacts, as well as proposed minimization/mitigation measures.

NCPC staff encourages the Navy to continue efforts to promote use of public transportation and other modes of transportation alternative to single occupancy vehicles, including METRO and commuter rail/bus service, carpooling, and shuttle service. The EIS should fully evaluate the feasibility of a direct link from the Medical Center Rail Station to the campus' south gate.

2. Cultural Resources – Historic Buildings

The Navy has consulted with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) for more than a year, and the current proposals included in the DEIS were formally presented to MHT on January 14, 2008. MHT requested documentation demonstrating the Navy's consideration of a full range of alternatives to the demolition of Building 12, such as construction of the new facility elsewhere, or construction of sympathetic additions to the rear or side of the building. MHT also recommended mothballing Buildings 18 and 21 and advised against demolition of these contributing buildings solely because there was not a current use for them. MHT also reported that the scope of the Section 106 undertaking for the alternatives being considered had not yet been defined as part of the Navy's review. NCPC staff encourages the Navy to continue evaluating the effects on historic resources with MHT under Section 106 consultation and to determine appropriate mitigation measures, particularly with regard to preferred treatments for Buildings 12, 18, and 21. Once the scope of the undertaking is confirmed and the range of historic preservation alternatives has been agreed upon, the Navy and MHT should develop a Memorandum of Agreement that will demonstrate concurrence in the avoidance, minimization, or mitigation of any adverse effects. This should be completed prior to concluding the EIS.

3. Cultural Resources – Historic Landscape

While each of the alternatives being considered preserves the significant view shed related to the original campus structures, particularly Building 1 and the landscape to its west, the DEIS indicates that the area west of Building 1 is planned for construction storage during implementation of the BRAC-related construction projects. The visual impacts related to this staging activity would likely be adverse, since the west drive and lawn are contributing elements to the National Register Historic District. NCPC staff does not support the use of the west lawn for construction storage or staging due to the likelihood that it would be in place for approximately three to four years (2008 through 2011); staff encourages the identification and evaluation of other sites that would not obstruct the primary viewshed both to and from the campus for such an extended period.

4. Water Resources and Soils

The final EIS should show the stream-side buffer required by the State of Maryland at the stream valley of the unnamed Stoney Creek tributary.

The final EIS should include a discussion of the impact on water resources and soil resulting from additional athletic fields being added to the campus.

5. NCPC Action – Medical Facility Additions

NCPC staff would like to clarify the Commission Action taken at the August 2, 2007 Commission meeting (NCPC Project Number 6759), where NCPC approved comments on the concept for the two new medical facility buildings flanking Building 1. The submission from the Navy included only Buildings A and B; the proposed parking garages related to BRAC were not reviewed and will require a separate submission. Reference to this project and Commission approval on pages ES-21, 2-33, and 4-59 should reflect this clarification.

Your consideration of our comments at this stage of the environmental review is most appreciated. Please contact Ms. Ellyn Goldkind, NCPC Project Office, at 202-482-7248 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Marcel C. Acosta
Acting Executive Director

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National Institutes of Health Letter



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January 24, 2008

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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Activities to
Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at the
National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) offers the following comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted for the proposed activities to implement the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) and the establishment of the Walter Reed National Naval Medical Center (WRNNMC).

Overall

NIH commends Navy for preserving the exterior architectural appearance of the WRNNMC installation. It not only preserves the historical features of the facility, but it enhances the symmetry of the exterior elevation, especially from Rockville Pike. NIH recommends that attention be given to establish a similarly attractive appearance from Jones Bridge Road so that patients and visitors identify with the Jones Bridge Road entrances as viable means of entering the installation and not a sort of "back door".

Transportation

Congestion is the principal concern of NIH relative to the proposed action. Whereas NIH recognizes that significant congestion pre-dates the proposed BRAC action, it is essential that the Final EIS capture the true impact resulting from the proposed action. The Draft EIS and supporting transportation study indicate that only one intersection will worsen to the F rating as a result of the BRAC transportation demand. This conclusion seems to assume that commuters will mindlessly continue to follow the existing traffic pattern. In reality, commuters will search for less congested intersections and revise their commuting patterns, so it is extremely likely that several additional intersections will become rated F as a result of this action. By understating the likely environmental consequences of the proposed action, authorities from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County are likely to support transportation projects elsewhere in the state and county that have a higher perceived need. Understating the congestion will not only impact NIH, Suburban Hospital and residents but will create an unintended consequence for DOD. Specifically, this will impact the ability of WRNNMC to recruit and retain high quality personnel and will degrade patient satisfaction. Therefore, the NIH recommendation is that the Final EIS include an analysis of the impact if commuters shift commuting patterns so that the logical intersections are more uniformly

saturated, which is the most likely outcome. Once having done that, it would be logical to quantify the number of intersections that worsen to the F rating.

Parking: From the description provided in the Draft EIS, it appears that WRNNMC would be providing 3 parking spaces for every 4 employees corresponding to a parking ratio of 0.75. In contrast, the NIH provides less than 2 parking spots for every 4 employees in accordance with an agreement with the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC). Furthermore, NCPC is requesting that NIH further reduce its parking ratio to 1 space for every 3 employees for a total ratio of 0.33, to further limit the impacts on local traffic congestion and the added emissions. The NIH recommends that Navy reduce the parking ratio at the proposed WRNNMC to reflect a ratio closer to the one NCPC is requesting of NIH. The reduced parking ratio would also potentially encourage Navy employees to increase the use of mass transportation to access the proposed WRNNMC, therefore reducing traffic in the immediate area of the campus as well as emissions.

Traffic & Site Access: NIH is concerned over the Navy's intent to add the majority of the new traffic to the Rockville Pike entrances, since most of the morning peak traffic comes from the north and therefore turns left. The left turns cue up traffic as commuters await the limited duration left turn signal. NIH suggests that the Navy encourage the expanded use of entrances on Jones Bridge Road; whereby commuters can take Connecticut Avenue, turn right on Jones Bridge and right again into WRNNMC. The entrances along Jones Bridge Road are also unaffected by helicopter operations. Other solutions we recommend WRNNMC consider are listed below:

- Provide vehicle drop-off and/or pick-up passengers without the car entering the base. Currently, vehicles park and idle in nearby neighborhoods while waiting for people to walk off the base. This drop-off point should be located near a gate that can handle pedestrian access.
- Arrange for a police presence at key intersections during peak hours, optimizing signalization, adding shared turn and through lanes, fixing worn intersections, cooperating on ongoing studies.
- Construct better sidewalks on the north side of Jones Bridge Road and funneling pedestrian traffic to that side of the roadway.
- Further encourage staff and visitors to utilize public transportation to access WRNNMC. DOD should ensure that the WRNNMC shuttle connecting the Metro with the campus offers predictable and frequent service. NIH noted a dramatic increase in mass transit ridership when it added its campus shuttle. Consider operating fringe parking lots with shuttle service, similar to the NIH Mid-Pike parking and shuttle service, which is heavily utilized by NIH personnel.
- Recommend that Navy partner with Metro to develop a separate entrance into Metro from the Navy side.

Visitor Access: The Draft EIS does not clearly address the safe and orderly induction of an estimated 1,862 patients and visitors into the installation. From the experience of NIH, visitors who are not clear on the entrance procedures can cause traffic backups. In the case of the proposed WRNNMC, this would lead to overspill onto Rockville Pike and Jones Bridge Road. The NIH has addressed these issues by constructing a centralized NIH visitor's center where all visitors can be processed. The Navy may benefit from following a similar approach as the NIH to receiving visitors. The NIH submits the comment that a more detailed plan, including detailed procedures, should be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) regarding how the WRNNMC plans to process its estimated patients and visitors each day. Recommend that DOD consider sitting a visitor access gate on Jones Bridge Road. This would encourage the use of Connecticut Road – Jones Bridge Road and would afford DOD to design a facility that would not detract from the historical Rockville Pike view.

Scope of Proposed Federal Action: The Final EIS should connect what is proposed (relocate 2500 additional staff & 460,000 additional outpatient visits/year from WRAMC to NNMC) to what BRAC 2005 law specifies that DoD should do (relocate tertiary care services from WRAMC to NNMC; relocate primary & specialized care services from WRAMC to Ft. Belvoir). Explaining this connection will ensure compliance with NEPA regulation 1502.13 (which requires that an EIS explain the “purpose and need” for the proposed action and its alternatives) and would facilitate a basic understanding of what is proposed and why. This might appear to be a technicality, but it would enhance the linkage between the BRAC language and the EIS language.

Communications: It is recommended that WRNNMC establish a regular community forum comparable to NIH's Community Liaison Council (CLC). In addition, establishment of a management forum involving Navy, NIH and Suburban Hospital facility or planning executives would ensure that inter-campus issues are appropriately aired and timely addressed. Such an executive forum need not meet frequently nor be permanent, but planning & facility issues different from existing forums (Emergency Partnership & TMO forums) and that are beyond the authority of new working groups or community forums. Issues to be addressed are bound to arise during the construction, startup & transition period of something as significant as BRAC.

Helicopter Operations Management: Regardless of any uncertainty that may now exist about how much BRAC would increase Medevac flights into & out of an urban, crowded and noise-sensitive Bethesda area, it would be very affordable and effective for the expanded base to join other military services who already participate in the national and FAA-endorsed “Fly Neighborly” program. This program provides periodic helicopter pilot training, written material, posters & reminders of recommended flight path, noise abatement and safety procedures and has successfully been applied to public, private & military heliports and helipads across the country since the 1980s. Since our research indicates that it's common for military bases in urban areas to participate in the “Fly Neighborly” program means that including this comment does not ask the Navy to break new ground or depart from any “what happens inside the fence stays inside the fence” military tradition.

Cumulative Impacts

Utilities: Page 4-78, Section 4.12.6 (Cumulative Impacts to Utility Infrastructure) states: "Because the new BRAC projects that add to utility demands at NNMC reduce demands at WRAMC by a like amount, the NNMC projects do not incrementally increase regional demand. Locally, utility providers have indicated that NNMC demands for BRAC can be met; therefore the incremental effects of adding these demands to those of other off-Base projects are not considered to be significant". NIH requests that more detailed utility information be provided in the cumulative analysis of utility demand impacts. The incremental increase of the WRNNMC in addition to the existing NNMC demand in addition to the demands by NIH have not been analyzed in enough depth to determine that there will be no impact. Because localized brownouts have occurred in the immediate area during the summer months, a more involved study on utility demand impacts should be addressed in the FEIS. The Draft EIS states that there is correspondence between the "local utility providers" and NNMC stating that the future demand can be met. NIH requests that this correspondence be published in the FEIS.

Stormwater Management: The EIS indicates extensive addition of impervious surface on the NNMC which could counter the benefits of the new Montgomery County pond being built on the south side of the National Library of Medicine. The NIH entered into an agreement with the Maryland Department of Environment and Montgomery County to develop the pond as part of an Integrated Stormwater Management Plan. The Navy might also benefit from providing an integrated plan to address stormwater management.

The NIH appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 594-0999.

Sincerely,



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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Letter

January 23, 2008

Officer in Charge – BRAC
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To Whom It May Concern:

We have provided comments on the DEIS regarding Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions, Construction and Operation of New Facilities for Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD (20070517).

The DEIS has been reviewed within the areas of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Geodetic Survey's (NGS) geodetic responsibility, expertise, and in terms of the impact of the proposed actions on NGS activities and projects.

If there are any planned activities which will disturb or destroy geodetic control monuments, NGS requires notification not less than 90 days in advance of such activities in order to plan for their relocation. NGS recommends that funding for this project includes the cost of any required relocation(s).

All available geodetic control information about horizontal and vertical geodetic control monuments in the subject area is contained on the homepage of NGS at the following Internet address: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>. After entering this website, please access the topic "Products and Services" then "Data Sheet." This menu item will allow you to directly access geodetic control monument information from the NGS database for the subject area project. This information should be reviewed for identifying the location and designation of any geodetic control monuments that may be affected by the proposed project.

We hope our comments will assist you. Thank you for giving NGS the opportunity to review your DEIS, and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2008

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20071212-1204

Applicant: U.S. Department of the Navy

Project Description: Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions (BRAC) at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC): consider three (3) alternatives including "no build"

Project Address: 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889-5600

Project Location: Montgomery County

Approving Authority: U.S. Department of Defense

Funds: Federal: \$ 0.00 State: \$ 0.00 Local: \$ 0.00 Other: \$ 0.00

Recommendation: **Consistent with Qualifying Comments and Contingent Upon Certain Actions**

Dear Mr. Malanoski:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 14.24.04, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter, with attachments, constitutes the State process review and recommendation based upon comments received to date. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of State Police, Natural Resources, the Environment, Transportation, Business and Economic Development, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, Montgomery County, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County, and the Maryland Department of Planning, including the Maryland Historical Trust. As of this date, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency has not submitted comments. **This recommendation is contingent upon the Applicant considering and addressing any problems or conditions that may be identified by their review. Any comments received will be forwarded.**

Montgomery County [represented by Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive; Michael Knapp, President of the County Council; County Councilman Roger Berliner; five (5) Montgomery County agencies, and the local BRAC Implementation Committee], the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Historical Trust stated that their findings of consistency are contingent upon the Applicant taking the actions summarized below.

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Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, and Michael Knapp, President of the County Council, addressed these issues: the Draft EIS "understates many of the impacts on the region's environment, and the transportation network that serves the NNMC; that important data is lacking about the number of military personnel, functions, or outpatients that will be transferred from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the NNMC. These figures must be included in the Final EIS in order to address critical transportation and land use matters, such as mitigating traffic congestion and identifying housing needs on and near the base." The Draft EIS "does not address the issues of housing or lodging of outpatients, and their families."

Montgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner addressed these issues: the Applicant "needs to fundamentally rethink, revise, and rework its suggested mitigations to the impact of the relocation of Walter Reed to Bethesda; the Federal government must assume its financial responsibility to pay for road improvements needed to mitigate the effects of greatly increased traffic in one of the most congested areas of the County; construction impacts on neighborhoods surrounding the NNMC should be evaluated and best management practices implemented to reduce the effects of excessive noise, air pollution, and truck traffic."

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection addressed these issues: water resources, air quality, noise, and transportation.

The Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services addressed these issues: an effective risk reduction program; the need for fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems in new and renovated buildings; the expanded capability of the NNMC fire department to respond to emergency medical incidents; the expanded capability of the NNMC fire department for basic life support, advanced life support, and transport; the need for wide shoulders or designated future traffic lanes for the use of emergency vehicles.

The Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services expressed support for green engineering techniques, and the need for the Applicant to comply with local laws concerning redevelopment.

The Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation addressed these issues: the need to place the MD 355 Corridor Study on a fast track; the need to build a pedestrian connection between the Medical Center Metro and NNMC; provide for alternative modes of transportation to be accommodated by non-auto mode use; document the transportation impacts of BRAC development on the area's transportation network; and the need to secure adequate Federal government and Department of Defense funding for identified off-site traffic improvements.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Montgomery County addressed issues relating to: the provision of "sufficient funding to ensure that all have good choices for lodging and access to the site; the Transportation Management Plan needs to consider all feasible land use and modal alternatives available; more information is needed regarding stream valley buffer protection and the degree to which site layout will comply with State and local forest conservation requirements; the need to reconsider the Applicant's assessment of impacts mitigation responsibility; and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission needs to continue to participate in site development through its mandatory referral process."

The Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee addressed these issues: the top priorities are traffic and environmental mitigation; impacts of BRAC actions on off-campus neighborhoods require strong mitigation recommendations; the applicability of Defense Access Road grants to mitigate off-campus traffic issues; the need for a study of a proposed I-495 Beltway slip ramp for direct access to the NNMC campus; and the need for a robust Transportation Management Plan. See the attached letters, and memoranda.

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The Maryland Department of Transportation addressed these issues: coordination on the Navy's continuing effort to identify traffic mitigation opportunities for the area surrounding National Naval Medical Center; continued coordination to address mutual interests in serving increased traffic in, through, and around NNMC; close coordination, with regard to the funding of improvements, concerning a focused effort to be maintained on overall financial responsibility and scheduled implementation; NNMC should be prepared to participate by funding the relocation of the fence adjacent to MD 355 since it is on hospital property; the continuing exploration of creative funding solutions; NNMC include the Metro Station Eastside Entrance in their Final EIS.

Additional information needs to be provided in the Final EIS regarding:

- detailed transit ridership;
- bicycle and pedestrian volume;
- source information, trip distribution and projected modal split of the estimated 2500 daily BRAC employees (which includes the estimated 136 commuters due to cumulative impacts) and the 1862 daily visitors;
- the rationale used to assign a significant portion of traffic to MD 187 rather than along the I-270 east spur to southbound MD 355;
- specific commitments to implement the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) involving close coordination with the Mass Transit Administration, as well as State Highway Administration and Montgomery County;
- more detail is needed regarding the implementation strategies for these TMP programs and recommendations (i.e. ride-sharing programs, park and ride lots, parking management, and guaranteed rides home);
- an additional measure for patient and employee drop-off areas both inside and outside the gate access points;
- wording to address the ongoing Purple Line Study; and
- analysis of NNMC employee commuter origins.

See the attached memorandum, and tables.

The Maryland Historical Trust stated that "the Navy should continue to consult with the Maryland Historical Trust and others pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act."

The Maryland Departments of Business and Economic Development, the Environment, and this Department found this project to be generally consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives, but included these qualifying comments.

The Office of Military and Federal Affairs, within the Maryland Departments of Business and Economic Development, stated that it "recognizes the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for National Naval Medical Center Bethesda is in accordance with the actions necessary to implement the 2005 BRAC Law. The DEIS highlights the need for continued coordination between the Navy, Montgomery County, State of Maryland and residents to address critical issues such as infrastructure improvements to minimize the impact of the expansion while supporting the activities, mission and support of the Medical Center and the uniformed military."

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The Maryland Department of the Environment submitted these qualifying comments.

1. Any above ground or underground petroleum storage tanks that may be utilized must be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations. Contact the Oil Control Program at (410) 537-3442 for additional information.
2. Any solid waste including construction, demolition and land clearing debris, generated from the subject project, must be properly disposed of at a permitted solid waste acceptance facility, or recycled if possible. Contact the Solid Waste Program at (410) 537-3318 for additional information.
3. The Hazardous Waste Program should be contacted at (410) 537-3343 prior to construction activities to ensure that the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous wastes and low-level radioactive wastes at the facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable State and federal laws and regulations.
4. Any contract specifying lead paint abatement must comply with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.16.01 Accreditation and Training for Lead Paint Abatement Services. If a property was built before 1950 and will be used as rental housing, then compliance with COMAR 26.16.02 Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing; and Environment Article Title 6, Subtitle 8, is required. Additional guidance regarding projects where lead paint may be encountered can be obtained by contacting the Environmental Lead Division at (410) 537-3825.

This Department commented that NIH facilities, adjacent to NNMC, plan to expand by 2020. The NNMC expansion should be informed by the NIH expansion activity. This Draft EIS should have some discussion about the proposed improvements to NIH in Bethesda. The NNMC expansion should take the NIH expansion into account, and address how the cumulative impact of such growth at both Federal facilities will affect the open space, traffic, water resources, and air quality in the Bethesda area.

The Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, and State Police found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

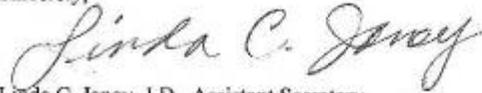
Any statement of consideration given to the comments should be submitted to the approving authority, with a copy to the State Clearinghouse. The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at brosenbush@mdp.state.md.us

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Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,



Linda C. Janey, J.D., Assistant Secretary
for Clearinghouse and Communications

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January 30, 2008

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Dear Captain Malanoski:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Martin O' Malley regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Activities to Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions (BRAC) at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The Governor has received your letter and asked me to respond on his behalf.

The State Clearinghouse of the Maryland Department of Planning (DOP) is responsible for the Maryland Intergovernmental Review and Coordination process to ensure that Maryland laws, regulations and policies are followed. The Clearinghouse has circulated the DEIS to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), various other State agencies and other appropriate county, municipal and regional government agencies for review and comment. The Department has completed its review and submitted its comments to the Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse will compile all comments and issue a final determination to the project applicant. For additional information, please contact Bob Rosenbush, State Clearinghouse at 410-767-4487.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I thank you for your interest in this very important issue. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me or Ms. Joane Mueller, Public Information Act (PIA) Coordinator of Science Services Administration at 410-537-4120, toll-free at 800-633-6101, by mail at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230 or by e-mail at jmueller@mde.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2008

Rear Admiral Richard R. Jeffries
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Dear Admiral Jeffries:

This letter and attachments serve to convey Montgomery County's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for activities to implement the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) establishing the flagship Walter Reed National Military Medical Center serving our country's servicemen and women in Bethesda, Maryland.

Montgomery County proudly supports the mission of this BRAC action. The County and Navy must work as partners to ensure that the action fulfills its mission and is accomplished in a manner that is compatible with the NNMC's urban environment. Regrettably, the Draft EIS fails to acknowledge the significant and detrimental impacts of this BRAC action on the community that surrounds NNMC. Failure to acknowledge and take decisive action to mitigate impacts on the environment and transportation network will impede the mission of this BRAC action.

The attached comments from County agencies and our BRAC Implementation Committee detail many serious shortcomings of the Draft EIS, but we want to highlight here our most significant concerns:

- 1) Unlike nearly all of the hundreds of BRAC moves across the country mandated by the 2005 law, which relocates large numbers of military personnel and facilities to secure bases away from population centers, NNMC BRAC is bringing additional military functions into a densely populated and well established urban environment around the NNMC campus. This creates a set of very difficult problems requiring specific solutions that address these problems.
- 2) The Draft EIS understates many of the impacts on the region's environment and the transportation network that serves NNMC. This action will cause increased and substantial congestion in an already congested area around the expanded medical facility. If a patient, medical professional or emergency vehicle cannot reach the hospital in a timely manner because they are mired in gridlock, then the Navy's mission will have

failed. That clearly is not what the Navy or Montgomery County wants. The Navy should acknowledge that this move will have direct and significant impacts, and work to address those impacts.

- 3) In particular, dismissing the applicability of Defense Access Road (DAR) grants to NNMC BRAC is an incorrect judgment. Under the DAR program, the Department of Defense (DOD) must pay its fair share for improvements to public highways that experience a sudden or unusual defense-related traffic impact. This is clearly the case in Bethesda with NNMC BRAC, which will add 2,500 employees -- an approximate increase of 33 percent -- and double to approximately 900,000 the number of visits to the campus each year. The DOD criteria to provide relief where traffic has suddenly doubled because of expanded military base operations may be suitable for rural roads but are irrelevant to urban roads like many of those in Bethesda. Indeed, the "doubling" criteria are neither statutory nor rigid. Rather, the determination of eligibility for DAR funding is initiated by the on-base commander on a case-by-case assessment that road improvements are required and that local transportation authorities lack the resources to implement them. The Final EIS should offer the possibility of DAR funding and the Navy should take an active role in seeking DAR funding to address the issues with this move. Attached is information from the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress pertaining to the Defense Access Road program, including the statutes referred to above.
- 4) Important data is lacking, inconsistent, unsubstantiated or poorly explained in many instances. For example, the Draft EIS has not documented the number of military personnel, functions or outpatients that will be transferred from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) to NNMC and how the relocation of current WRAMC personnel and patients to NNMC and Fort Belvoir reflect the care level-based distribution mandated by the 2005 BRAC law. These are among the figures that must be included in the Final EIS in order to address critical transportation and land use matters, such as mitigating traffic congestion and identifying housing needs on and near the base.
- 5) The Draft EIS downplays impacts on traffic in surrounding neighborhoods during and after the construction phase. By failing to properly assess the impacts of this BRAC action, the Draft EIS does not place proper urgency on essential transportation mitigation projects, some of which would qualify for DAR funding. A realistic assessment of consequences and potential improvement measures must be included in the Final EIS:
 - a. The MD 355 Corridor Study must be fast-tracked. It must include the intersection improvements recommended in the Draft EIS, the widening of MD 355 to include turn and through lanes, shoulders to provide access for emergency vehicles, pedestrian medians, and an evaluation of a grade separated interchange at MD 355 and Cedar Lane.
 - b. Construction of an entrance to the Red Line Medical Center Metro station on the east side of MD 355 would enhance transit use and provide pedestrian connectivity. This project must be fast-tracked as a short-term project. Alternatively, a pedestrian bridge may be constructed over MD 355 in full

compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). DOD may have a role in constructing this entrance because it provides direct access to and is located on NNMCM property.

- c. The Draft EIS does not give proper consideration to transportation alternatives that would reduce single occupancy vehicles in the region. The Draft EIS did not include NNMCM/WRAMC employee ridership statistics for the proposed Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway projects. The County is working with the Maryland Transit Administration on approved alignments for these planned projects and these statistics are an important element in moving these projects forward as stipulated in Montgomery County's Master Plan.
 - d. The Draft EIS does not address NNMCM's responsibility to provide expanded shuttle bus service for its employees. NNMCM should work with State and County agencies to identify suitable and appropriate outlying locations for park-and-ride lots that would serve NNMCM shuttles. This is particularly important during the construction phase when on-site parking for construction workers will be limited.
 - e. Safe and convenient pedestrian access between the NNMCM and NIH campuses is essential. Measures to ensure safe pedestrian access to and around the campus, including sidewalk and signaling improvements, must be a priority. The pedestrian/bicycle master plan for the area must be implemented in its entirety.
 - f. The Draft EIS dismisses a proposed I-495 Beltway Slip Ramp directly to the NNMCM campus. MSHA should conduct an evaluation of the feasibility and benefit derived by providing slip ramps as part of its MD 355 Corridor Study. This long term project could help alleviate congestion on local roads that serve NNMCM.
 - g. The Draft EIS projects a net increase of approximately 1,800 parking spaces, which would encourage more single occupancy vehicles (SOVs) and congestion in the area. The Navy should make its best effort to limit the number of parking spaces to conform to National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) standards and must include a robust Transportation Management Plan (TMP) that discourages SOVs. The Draft EIS includes generic elements of a potential TMP but commits to nothing, waiting instead for a Master Plan. Since the elements of a Master Plan are already known, the Final EIS must include a site-specific TMP.
- 6) The Draft EIS does not address the issues of housing or lodging for outpatients and their families. One of the primary purposes of this BRAC action is to improve the care and treatment of wounded soldiers, many of whom suffer catastrophic injuries that require long-term care and rehabilitation. However, no supporting information is provided that planned on-campus housing facilities will be sufficient, and there is no provision for alternatives if it is not. The availability of convenient and affordable lodging and transportation to and from campus must be addressed.

- 7) The Draft EIS does not address impacts on Homeland Security. This is significant in any circumstance but especially as it relates to the Bethesda Hospitals Emergency Preparedness Partnership, the collaboration between NNNMC, National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Suburban Hospital – the region’s designated trauma center – that has received substantial federal support to prepare for a national emergency in the National Capital Region. Measures to ensure the passage of emergency vehicles in the area should be addressed, including providing access for emergency vehicles across the NNNMC and NIH campuses.
- 8) The Draft EIS does not address the need to provide open lines of communication between the Navy and the surrounding community. The Navy should establish an ongoing Office of Community Liaison, similar to that of NIH, to keep neighbors informed of campus activities during and after the BRAC construction phase so the community can be apprised of construction schedules and major events occurring on the campus that could impact the community.
- 9) The Draft EIS does not offer a commitment by the Navy to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards set out in County law.
- 10) The County requires all government agencies to submit plans for development to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for review. We respectfully request that the Navy commit to make its best efforts to adhere to the recommendations that the Commission may identify as a result of this review.

We are attaching several documents from the following County agencies that support our conclusions about the Draft EIS. These documents contain well-considered comments and questions and we respectfully request that you provide a response to each of them:

- 1) Evaluation prepared by the Staff of the Montgomery County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) (Attachment 1);
- 2) Memorandum and Summary from Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director of the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) (Attachments 2a and 2b);
- 3) Memorandum from Stan Edwards, Chief of the Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Attachment 3);
- 4) Memorandum and Comments from Thomas W. Carr, Jr., Fire Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) (Attachments 4a and 4b);
- 5) Comments prepared by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Service (DPS) (Attachment 5);

6) Memo from Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee (BIC) (Attachment 6); and

7) Statement by Councilmember Roger Berliner (Attachment 7).

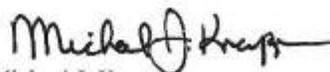
In addition, we are attaching a Memorandum and supporting material from the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress pertaining to the Defense Access Road Program (Attachments 8a-8e).

Montgomery County appreciates your careful consideration and thorough response to this letter and attached comments. We are proud of our role, and look forward to a cordial collaboration with the Navy to ensure the success of this mission, to provide the best medical care to our country's servicemen and servicewomen.

Sincerely,



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County Executive



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President, County Council

cc: Congressional Delegation
Governor Martin O'Malley
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Eight Attachments

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Statement of Councilmember Roger Berliner On BRAC Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Under the mandate of the Defense Base and Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended in 2005, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC will close and all sub-specialty and complex care will be relocated to the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda. The BRAC law requires this consolidation to be completed by September 2011. The new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center will see an increase of approximately 2,500 employees while outpatient visits by patients and family members are expected to double, to nearly 900,000 per year.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released by the Navy on December 14, 2007, details the effect of this relocation and proposes limited mitigation measures to reduce these impacts. The Navy has rejected requests from myself and other Montgomery County Councilmembers to extend the 45-day comment period to the EIS, leaving County officials and members of the public with a brief time frame to read and respond to a lengthy document which contains proposed recommendations that could affect the quality of life of thousands of Bethesda residents.

Residents of the neighborhoods surrounding NNMC have devoted the past month to reviewing the EIS and have shared many of their concerns with my office. Their comments and my own review of the EIS lead me to conclude that the Navy needs to fundamentally rethink, revise, and rework its suggested mitigations to the impact of the relocation of Walter Reed to Bethesda. The overarching goal of these mitigation measures *must be* to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips to NNMC – world class medical institutions only function when patients and staff can arrive in a timely and safe manner to the campus. The families in surrounding neighborhoods must be allowed to enter and exit their homes without fear of round the clock gridlock.

The following issues require further analysis by the Navy as it prepares the final EIS:

- The federal government must assume its financial responsibility to pay for the road improvements needed to mitigate the effects of greatly increased traffic in one of the most congested areas of the County. Failure to do so creates an unfunded mandate for local and state communities already facing drastic budget

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shortfalls. The County needs to directly challenge the assertion that the Defense Access Roads (DAR) funding source is not applicable.

- Creation of mandatory Traffic Demand Management practices which discourages the use of single occupancy vehicles. The strategies discussed in the EIS are illustrative only and include no specific actions to implement the goal of reducing vehicle trips. NNMC should, for example, create a shuttle bus system to transport employees from satellite parking lots.
- A substantial reduction in the number of parking spaces provided on site. The DEIS contemplates an increase of 1,800 parking spaces, which would result in a ratio of one parking space for every 1.3 employees. This is significantly more parking than is recommended for sites immediately adjacent to a metro station and is, as the Planning Board staff has made clear, “counterproductive to achieving the goals of transportation demand management.”
- Mass transit use would increase with a second Metro entrance on the east side of MD 355. Construction of a pedestrian bridge or tunnel across MD 355 would also provide safe passage across a road most pedestrians find harrowing to traverse.
- Bicycle and pedestrian access to NNMC must be a priority. Sidewalks should be widened and bicycle access to the campus must be improved through completion of bike trails and incentives for bicycle commuting.
- More detailed traffic analysis, including data on non-peak hour vehicle trips, expected patient trips, and traffic impacts during the construction phase. This information is necessary to properly evaluate the impact of the Walter Reed relocation and mitigation measures. The proposed MD-355 Corridor Study should be extended north to Montrose Road and south to MD 410.
- Construction impacts on neighborhoods surrounding NNMC should be evaluated and best management practices implemented to reduce the effects of excessive noise, air pollution, and truck traffic.
- NNMC should appoint a Community Liaison Group to create dialogue and resolve issues with residents of surrounding communities during construction and through the relocation of Walter Reed.

Bethesda is a welcoming community and will provide our wounded soldiers, sailors, and Marines with the hero’s welcome they deserve. It is my hope that the Navy takes the opportunity to listen to residents as they share their voices for how to make this welcome possible.

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**Attachment 5: Matrix Summary of Comments with Navy
Responses**
