

near Aynor, Horry County, South Carolina, and terminating at or near US Highway 17, near Surfside Beach, Horry County, South Carolina. According to SCDOT, the purpose and need for the proposed Project is to provide the southern region of Horry County with congestion relief, improved hurricane evacuation, and improved access to needed services east and west of the Waccamaw River.

2. *Alternatives.* A range of alternatives to the proposed action will be identified, and those found to be reasonable alternatives will be fully evaluated in the EIS, including: the no-action alternative, the applicant's proposed alternative, alternative site configurations, alternatives that may result in avoidance and minimization of impacts, and mitigation measures not in the proposed action. However, this list is not exclusive and additional alternatives may be considered for inclusion.

3. *Scoping and Public Involvement Process.* A scoping meeting will be conducted to gather information on the scope of the project and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. A local public notice will be issued by the Charleston District, and a meeting announcement will be published in local newspapers once the date and location for the scoping meeting has been determined. Additional public and agency involvement will be sought through the implementation of a public involvement plan and through an agency coordination team.

4. *Significant Issues.* Issues associated with the proposed Project to be given detailed analysis in the DEIS are likely to include, but are not necessarily limited to, the potential impacts of the proposed highway on the existing and proposed transportation infrastructure, waters of the United States, water quality, wetlands and stream habitats, federal and state listed species of concern, threatened and endangered species, mitigation, noise, conservation, economics, cultural resources, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, recreation, water supply and conservation, safety, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

5. *Additional Review and Consultation.* Additional review and consultation, which will be incorporated into the preparation of this DEIS, will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, section 14 of the RHA (33 U.S.C. 408), Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act.

6. *Availability of the Environmental Impact Statement.* The DEIS is anticipated to be available in early 2027. A Public Hearing will be conducted following the release of the DEIS.

**Daniel H. Hibner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Draft Amended Analysis to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On March 14, 2025, the Department of the Navy (DoN) published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Amended Analysis to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex. In addition to announcing its hosting of two in-person public meetings (April 1 and 2, 2025) and one virtual meeting (April 3, 2025), the DoN announced a 45-day public comment period beginning March 14, 2025 and ending April 28, 2025. DoN is now extending the comment period until May 13, 2025 to allow the public additional time to review and submit comments on the Draft Amended Analysis.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published on March 14, 2025 at 90 FR 12155 (FR Doc. 2025-04111) is extended. DoN must receive comments by May 13, 2025 to be considered in the Final Amended Analysis. Comments submitted concerning the Draft Amended Analysis prior to this announcement do not need to be resubmitted.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the Draft Amended Analysis may be provided electronically through the project website: [www.nepa.navy.mil/growler/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/growler/), or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command

Atlantic; Attention: Code EV21JB (Growler Project Manager); 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508-1278.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Fleet Forces Command, 1562 Mitscher Avenue, Suite 250, Norfolk, VA 23551-2487, Attention: Mr. Theodore Brown, Installations and Environment Public Affairs Officer, 757-836-4427, [theodore.c.brown4.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:theodore.c.brown4.civ@us.navy.mil), or visit the project website [www.nepa.navy.mil/growler/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/growler/).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In July 2019, the Navy defended lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington challenging the Navy's 2018 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and 2019 Record of Decision (ROD) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Complex. These cases were later consolidated.

In 2022, the Court found the Navy's EIS and ROD violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by "failing to disclose the basis for greenhouse gas emissions calculations, failing to quantify the impact of increased operations on classroom learning, failing to take a hard look at species-specific impacts on birds, and failing to give detailed consideration to the El Centro, California, alternative."

All other claims were dismissed with prejudice. Therefore, the public meetings for the Draft Amended Analysis (held April 1, 2, and 3, 2025) were limited to these four areas identified by the Court. Notice of the availability of the Draft Amended Analysis was distributed to local Tribes, Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and relevant organizations.

Dated: April 18, 2025.

**R.A. Kennedy,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

### **Notice of Designation of Policy-Making Positions**

**AGENCY:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of determination of policy-making positions.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) has determined that the Deputy General

Counsel position is of a policy-determining and policy-advocating character and is not normally subject to change as a result of a Presidential transition. Accordingly, this position is designated as a Schedule Policy/Career position.

**DATES:** April 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** 625 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kyle Johnson, Chief of Staff, 625 Indiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 694-7000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 13957 (85 FR 67631 (Oct. 21, 2020)), as amended by Executive Order 14171 (90 FR 8625 (Jan. 31, 2025)) directs agencies to conduct a review of agency positions and, “for positions excepted from the competitive service by statute, determine which such positions are of a confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character and are not normally subject to change as a result of a Presidential transition.” *Id.* at 67633. Agencies were further directed to “publish this determination in the **Federal Register.**” *Id.*

DNFSB has conducted a review of agency positions and determined that the Deputy General Counsel position is of a policy-determining and policy-advocating character and is not normally subject to change as a result of a Presidential transition. Accordingly, this position is designated as a Schedule Policy/Career position. This determination is based on the duties of the Deputy General Counsel position, which fall within those outlined in section 5(c) of Executive Order 13957 and the Office of Personnel Management’s guidance issued on January 27, 2025.

*Authority:* E.O. 13957, 85 FR 67631.

Dated: April 21, 2025.

On behalf of the Board.

**Thomas A. Summers,**

*Acting Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.*

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting

May 7, 2025 and June 11, 2025.

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. A business meeting will be

held the following month on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Both the hearing and the business meeting are open to the public. The public hearing will be conducted virtually, and the business meeting will be held in person.

**Public Hearing.** The Commission will conduct the public hearing virtually on May 7, 2025, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin’s water resources, as well as resolutions to: (a) adopt the FY 2026–2028 Water Resources Program; (b) adopt the Commission’s annual current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; and (c) apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. A list of the projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, along with links to draft docket approvals, draft resolutions, and resolution attachments will be posted on the Commission’s website, [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov), in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on May 7, 2025 will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025.

The public is advised to check the Commission’s website periodically during the ten days prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission’s review. Items also may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission’s review, which is ongoing.

**Business Meeting.** The business meeting on June 11, 2025 will be held in person at the Nurture Nature Center, 518 Northampton Street, Easton, PA commencing at 10 a.m. and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission’s March 12, 2025 business meeting; announcements of upcoming meetings and events; a report on hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and the Commission’s General Counsel; and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The agenda is expected to include consideration of the resolutions and the draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that were subjects of the public hearing on May 7, 2025.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the business meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission off the record on any topic concerning management of the basin’s water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the June 11, 2025 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on May 7, 2025 or a previous date. Commission consideration on June 11, 2025 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

**Advance Registration and Sign-Up for Oral Comment.** Registration links for those who wish to attend and speak during the (virtual) public hearing and for those who wish to speak during the (in-person) Open Public Comment session immediately following the business meeting will be posted at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov) at least ten days before each meeting date. The Commission’s public hearing, business meeting, and Open Public Comment session will also be livestreamed on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC\\_1961](https://www.youtube.com/@DRBC_1961). For assistance, please contact Ms. Patricia Hausler of the Commission staff, at [patricia.hausler@drbc.gov](mailto:patricia.hausler@drbc.gov).

**Addresses for Written Comment.** Written comment on items scheduled for hearing may be made through the Commission’s web-based comment system, a link to which is provided at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov). Use of the web-based system ensures that all submissions are captured in a single location and their receipt is acknowledged. Exceptions to the use of this system are available based on need, by writing to the attention of the Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360. For assistance, please contact Patricia Hausler at [patricia.hausler@drbc.gov](mailto:patricia.hausler@drbc.gov).

**Accommodation for Special Needs.** Closed captioning will be available on both webinar and live-stream platforms. Those with limited internet access may