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## How the Navy protects us and marine resources.

### Navy NEPA Programs in Hawaii...

In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Navy has completed the Hawaii Range Complex (HRC) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess ongoing and proposed Naval activities. Preparation of this document is part of the Navy's overall commitment to environmental stewardship. This website has been developed to provide a convenient "one-stop" source to the public for the HRC EIS/OEIS and other related NEPA documents. To help make this site even more useful, information on related topics and links to other sites is provided.

All of the environmental documents relate in one way or another to our armed forces' need to adequately train and test their equipment and personnel before they are involved in actual combat situations. [Realistic training](#) is the single greatest asset the military has in preparing and protecting American service men and women to defend their country. While fulfilling its mission to train Sailors to survive when they must go in harm's way, the Navy addresses environmental protection as a primary goal.

Hawaii is especially rich in environmental resources. The Navy in Hawaii is aware of the special environment they live in and is frequently involved in efforts to help [endangered species](#). Taking care of the environment is standard operating procedure for the Navy in Hawaii, and it has developed a set of protective measures to avoid harming environmental resources. The Navy works with many agencies and organizations to learn more about our environmental resources and is the largest source of funding of marine mammal research in the world.

## Read about Navy Sonar Research.

**Hawaii Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)**

Record of Decision  
Revised Record of Decision

For more information on the Hawaii Range Complex EIS/OEIS, please [click here](#).

**What is NEPA?**

NEPA stands for the **National Environmental Policy Act**, which was established in 1969 and ensures that federal and military agencies consider the environmental consequences of their actions.

**Why is the Navy involved in NEPA?**

The Department of the Navy is subject to all applicable federal environmental laws and regulations and is committed to their compliance.

In fact, as a federal agency, the Department of Defense is subject to rigorous environmental protection laws not applicable to private entities or state and local governments, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).