Welcome to the Silver Strand Training Complex EIS Website

Welcome to the U.S. Navy's official web site for the Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). SSTC is a 1,534-acre facility on the Silver Strand, a narrow isthmus between the Cities of Imperial Beach and Coronado on the western side of San Diego Bay. The EIS examines the potential environmental effects of the Navy's Proposed Action to increase the amounts and types of training, and to implement range sustainability measures on SSTC and the southern beaches of North Island to enhance training capabilities. The Navy is the lead agency for the EIS. The Proposed Action is necessary for SSTC to support current, emerging, and future training requirements, and to achieve and maintain Naval readiness.

Silver Strand Training Complex

SSTC hosts a wide range of naval training activities that provide a unique and integrated set of training and operational areas, combining varied land terrain and facilities, open beach areas, calm Bay waters and rougher surf waters. The focus of warfare training at SSTC is to provide a realistic venue for amphibious training and special warfare tactical training in the coastal environment.

NOTICE

The Notice of Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Silver Strand Training Complex that was published in the Federal Register on January 28, 2010 (Volume 75, No. 18) has been amended to state that the public hearings for the Silver Strand Training Complex Draft Environmental Impact Statement are to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at Imperial Beach City Hall Community Room and Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at Coronado Community Center.

NOTICE

The public comment period ended on March 30, 2010.

Environmental Stewardship

The Navy manages its land, air, and sea ranges, facilities, and natural resources as integrated training range complexes to meet its current and future requirements while protecting cultural and natural resources, and minimizing its effects on the environment.

As a responsible environmental steward, the Navy is concerned about the potential effects of its activities on the environment, and is committed to complying with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and policies. Environmental programs and policies have been developed to protect and improve air, water, and land, cultural resources, and natural resources. The protection of natural and cultural resources has become an integral part of planning for training on SSTC. Navy training activities incorporate protective measures as standard operating procedures to promote environmental conservation. In addition, the Navy has funded studies to better understand the science behind current environmental issues, and to ensure that Navy policy decisions are guided by science.

The Navy Wants Your Input

Public involvement is a fundamental part of the EIS development, and the Navy wants and appreciates your comments. The Navy has established several venues and informational resource areas for the public to learn more and provide input. The Draft EIS is now available for public review and comment. The Navy will host informational hearings and request public comments on its proposed action. Comments will also be received through this website.

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