



# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## TRIDENT SUPPORT FACILITIES EXPLOSIVES HANDLING WHARF (EHW-2)

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and Community Involvement

NEPA ensures that U.S. federal agencies consider environmental consequences of proposed actions. The public participates in the process by:

- Helping to identify environmental issues and potential alternatives during the scoping period
- Evaluating the analysis of the proposed action and alternatives during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public comment period
- Evaluating the Final EIS and U.S. Navy responses to public comments received on the Draft EIS during the Final EIS wait period

The public is encouraged to comment on the proposed action, alternatives and potential environmental effects as presented in the Draft EIS. Public participation helps the Navy make more informed decisions about its proposed action.

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<b>Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of the NOI in the Federal Register started the public involvement phase of the process</li> </ul>	May 15, 2009
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<b>Scoping Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted prior to the start of environmental analysis</li> <li>• Involved the public, agencies and tribes in identifying the environmental issues and other potential alternatives to be addressed in the EIS</li> <li>• Provided three scoping meetings and a 63-day public comment period</li> </ul>	May 15, 2009 – July 17, 2009
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<b>Draft EIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed action and alternatives, including a No-Action Alternative</li> <li>• Available for public, agency and tribal review and comment</li> <li>• Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties</li> </ul>	July 2009 – March 2011
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*Since July 2009, the Navy considered public comments received during the scoping period and conducted extensive studies and analyses on the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and each identified alternative. These efforts have led to the development of a comprehensive environmental document. The Navy welcomes the public's comments on the Draft EIS, an important part of the NEPA process.*

<b>Public Hearings and Comment Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides 45 days for the public, agencies and tribes to comment on the analysis presented in the Draft EIS</li> </ul>	March 18, 2011 – May 2, 2011 <b>Public Hearings:</b> April 19, 2011: Poulsbo, WA April 20, 2011: Chimacum, WA April 21, 2011: Seattle, WA
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<b>Final EIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update to the Draft EIS based on comments received during the public hearings and comment period</li> <li>• Announced via a Notice of Availability published in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers</li> <li>• Filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and made available to interested parties</li> </ul>	Fall 2011
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<b>30-Day Wait Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides a 30-day wait period after the Final EIS is published</li> </ul>	Fall 2011
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<b>Record of Decision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows the 30-day wait period and considers public, agency and tribal comments on the potential environmental effects</li> <li>• Includes selection of an alternative by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations &amp; Environment)</li> <li>• Announced via a Notice of Record of Decision published in the Federal Register and appropriate newspapers</li> <li>• Made available to interested parties</li> </ul>	Late Fall 2011
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