

PROPOSED ACTION

Patuxent River Complex (PRC) Testing and Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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The Navy proposes to continue military testing and training activities within the PRC to meet current and projected military readiness requirements.

Updated environmental impact analysis is warranted due to changes in:

- Technology
- Environment
- Science
- Navy Policy
- Regulations

Purpose

To provide Sailors and Marines with equipment and technology that operate effectively and safely to support current and projected future military readiness requirements

Need

To meet the Navy's requirement to maintain military readiness of naval forces to win wars, deter aggression, and maintain freedom of the seas, now and into the future

Alternatives

The Navy is developing a range of alternatives that take into consideration the Navy's operational needs for the foreseeable future as well as public input received during scoping.

Considerations in Developing Alternatives

- Continued testing and training during all seasons, day and night, in the PRC
- Annual capacity to meet current and future military readiness requirements
- Annual capacity to meet emergent military readiness requirements in response to increased global conflict

