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Navy to Hold Virtual Public Meetings for the Disposal of Decommissioned, Defueled Ex-Enterprise (CVN 65) and its Associated Naval Reactor Plants Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

BREMERTON, Wash. -- The public is invited to attend virtual public meetings to learn about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) prepared for the disposal of the decommissioned, defueled ex-Enterprise (CVN 65) aircraft carrier, including its naval reactor plants. The Department of the Navy (Navy), with U.S. Department of Energy as a cooperating agency, are seeking public input and involvement, which are fundamental aspects of the EIS/OEIS development process under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Navy is holding two virtual public meetings to discuss the Proposed Action, alternatives, and the draft environmental impact analysis. The Navy has assessed that virtual public meetings are the best format to meet statutory requirements under NEPA while mitigating COVID-19 risks. Virtual public meetings will consist of a Navy presentation and question-and-answer session. Visit www.carrierdisposaleis.com/vpm to learn more about and attend a virtual public meeting. An audio-only option will also be available.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

4 to 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022

4 to 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time

Questions concerning the Draft EIS/OEIS for discussion with Navy representatives at the virtual public meetings can be submitted between Sept. 12 and Sept. 21. Email questions to info@carrierdisposaleis.com or complete the form at www.carrierdisposaleis.com. Questions submitted during public meetings are not official public comments. Details for submitting official comments are described below.

Un intérprete de español estará disponible durante las reuniones públicas virtuales. Traducción al español de documentos importantes está disponible en el sitio web.

Public Comments

The Navy invites the public to review the Draft EIS/OEIS and welcomes comments that are substantive to the accuracy and adequacy of the environmental impact analysis. The public review and comment period for the Draft EIS/OEIS will be open from Aug. 19, 2022, to Oct. 3, 2022. Comments may be submitted via mail or online. All comments must be postmarked or received online by the end of the day on **Oct. 3, 2022**, for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS. The administrative record will capture all substantive comments and they will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Mail:

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Attn Ex-Enterprise CVN 65 Draft EIS/OEIS
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Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to dispose of the decommissioned, defueled ex-Enterprise (CVN 65) aircraft carrier, including its naval reactor plants. The Proposed Action would entail dismantling and recycling the non-radioactive remnant hull sections of ex-Enterprise at a government or authorized commercial facility in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and removing and packaging of ex-Enterprise reactor plant components for transportation and disposal as low-level radioactive waste to authorized radioactive waste disposal facilities.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce Navy inactive ship inventory, eliminate costs associated with maintaining the ship in a safe stowage condition, and to dispose of legacy radiological and hazardous wastes in an environmentally responsible manner, while meeting the operational needs of the Navy. Dismantling is the only method approved for the disposition of nuclear-powered ships stricken from the Naval Vessel Register and is required to be accomplished in the United States or its territories in accordance with the statutory responsibilities of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

In the Draft EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluated the potential impacts on environmental resources resulting from activities included in three action alternatives and a No Action Alternative. Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts were analyzed. The Navy does not anticipate significant environmental impacts resulting from the proposed alternatives with the implementation of best management practices and mitigation measures.

The Navy identified full Commercial Dismantlement as its preferred alternative. This alternative keeps the specially qualified and trained PSNS & IMF workforce focused on high-priority fleet maintenance work and the submarine inactivation and reactor compartment package work that

are already part of the PSNS & IMF workload, provides cost benefits to the U.S. taxpayer, would be completed in the shortest duration, and would not result in significant environmental impacts. The preferred alternative does not result in any decrease in workforce at PSNS & IMF.

The Draft EIS/OEIS is available on the project website www.carrierdisposaleis.com and at these public libraries:

Kitsap Regional Library
Downtown Bremerton Branch
612 Fifth St.
Bremerton, WA 98337

Brownsville Public Library
Main Branch
2600 Central Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78520

Richland Public Library
955 Northgate Dr.
Richland, WA 99352

Brownsville Public Library
Southmost Branch
4320 Southmost Blvd.
Brownsville, TX 78521

Hampton Public Library
4207 Victoria Blvd.
Hampton, VA 23669

Ben May Main Library
701 Government St.
Mobile, AL 36602

Visit the project website at www.carrierdisposaleis.com to learn more and submit comments.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Media interested in attending a virtual public meeting or seeking further information should contact Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Office of Congressional and Public Affairs at 360-476-7111.