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Abstract

The United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (including both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps) and the U.S. Coast Guard, as a Joint Lead Agency, have prepared this Supplement to the 2018 [*Final Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement*](#) (EIS/OEIS). This Supplemental EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of conducting military readiness activities in the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Study Area beginning November 2025. The AFTT Study Area includes areas of the western Atlantic Ocean along the east coast of North America, Gulf of America (formerly Gulf of Mexico), and portions of the Caribbean Sea. It also includes Navy and Coast Guard pierside locations and port transit channels, bays, harbors, inshore waterways, and civilian ports where training and testing activities occur, as well as transits between homeports and operating areas.

Three alternatives were analyzed in the Supplemental EIS/OEIS:

- Under the No Action Alternative, the Action Proponents would not conduct the proposed military readiness activities in the Study Area.
- Alternative 1 (Preferred Alternative) reflects a representative year of military readiness activities to meet current and future readiness requirements by (1) accounting for the natural fluctuations of training cycles, testing programs, and deployment schedules that generally limit the maximum level of training and testing that could occur in the reasonably foreseeable future, and (2) assuming some unit-level training requirements will be met using integrated, coordinated, and major training exercises.
- Under Alternative 2, the Action Proponents propose to conduct military readiness activities to meet current and future readiness requirements by (1) conducting a total of four carrier strike group Composite Training Unit Exercises every year, and (2) meeting all unit-level training requirements using dedicated, discrete training events, instead of achieving them in conjunction with integrated, coordinated, and major training exercises. This alternative also assumes that the maximum annual testing efforts predicted for each individual system or program could occur concurrently in any given year.

The Navy analyzed potential impacts on environmental resources resulting from activities under Alternatives 1 and 2. This Supplemental EIS/OEIS also includes an analysis of environmental effects from taking no action as a comparison to the effects of the Proposed Action. Evaluated resources included air quality, sediments and water quality, habitats, vegetation, invertebrates, fishes, marine mammals, reptiles, birds and bats, and cumulative impacts.

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