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Navy Releases Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Homeporting USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, Washington

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) announces the availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Homeporting USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79), a Ford-class aircraft carrier, at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton (NBK-Bremerton). Under the Proposed Action, CVN 79 will replace an older Nimitz-class carrier.

The Proposed Action also includes upgrades to the electrical distribution system at NBK-Bremerton to support the new Ford-class carrier. Work on these upgrades will begin in 2026. CVN 79 is proposed to arrive no earlier than fiscal year 2029.

The Draft EA was made available for public review and comment from March 7 through April 5, 2025. During the review period, the Navy hosted a public meeting on March 18, 2025, in Bremerton, Washington. Two public comments were received.

Based on the analysis presented in the Final EA, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Navy finds that the Proposed Action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared, and a FONSI has been issued.

The FONSI and Final EA are available on the Navy's website at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CVN79NBK> and at the following Kitsap regional libraries: Bremerton-Martin Luther King Jr., 612 5th St., Bremerton, WA 98337; Bremerton-Sylvan Way, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310; and Port Orchard, 87 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366. An electronic copy may be obtained by written request to: Navy JFK EA Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21VH, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.