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Navy Releases Draft Environmental Assessment for Homeporting of USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton

The Navy has released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed homeporting of USS John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton (NBK-Bremerton).

The Navy proposes to replace an older Nimitz-class aircraft carrier at NBK-Bremerton with the next-generation Ford-class aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, and upgrade the electrical distribution system at NBK-Bremerton to support the new Ford-class aircraft carrier. Electrical upgrades would begin in 2026. USS John F. Kennedy would arrive no earlier than fiscal year 2029.

The Draft EA is available on the Navy's website at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CVN79NBK> and at the following Kitsap regional libraries: Martin Luther King Jr., 612 5th St., Bremerton, WA 98337; Bremerton-Sylvan Way, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310; Port Orchard, 87 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard, WA 98366.

The Navy will conduct an open house public meeting to provide information about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Project team members will be available at information stations to answer questions. The public may arrive at any time during the hours specified. There will not be a formal presentation. The meeting will be held on March 18, 2025, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Marvin Williams Recreation Center, 725 Park Ave., Bremerton, WA 98337.

The Navy is accepting written comments on the Draft EA during the 30-day public comment period from Friday, March 7, through Saturday, April 5, 2025. Submit comments in one of the following ways:

- Through the project website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CVN79NBK>
- In person at the public information meeting
- By mail, postmarked no later than April 5, 2025, to the following address:
Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic
Attn: Navy JFK Project Manager, Code EV22SM
6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, Virginia 23508

Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically on or before 11:59 p.m. PDT on April 5 to be considered in the development of the Final Environmental Assessment.

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NOTICE TO MEDIA: The Navy will be conducting a media availability at noon on March 17, (the day prior to the public meeting). Media interested in attending should contact Mr. Theodore Brown, Installations and Environment Public Affairs Officer at 757-836-4427 or at the following e-mail address: theodore.c.brown4.civ@us.navy.mil.