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## **Navy Announces Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment for Home Basing of the MQ-25A Stingray Carrier-Based Unmanned Aircraft System Squadron at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk**

The Navy has released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the home basing of a new MQ-25A Stingray Carrier-Based Unmanned Aircraft System (CBUAS) squadron at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Norfolk, VA.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to base a new East Coast squadron designed to enhance aircraft carrier capability and versatility for the Joint Forces Commander through the integration of a persistent, sea-based, multi-mission unmanned aircraft system into the carrier air wing. The Draft EA summarizes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action, which includes home basing Stingray CBUASs; conducting Stingray CBUAS air vehicle training, maintenance, and flight operations; renovation of an existing hangar; construction of supporting infrastructure; and the stationing of Stingray CBUAS personnel, and their families at NAVSTA Norfolk.

The Navy will host a public meeting to provide information and solicit comments. The meeting will be conducted using an open house format with information displays and materials for public review. There will be no formal presentation. Navy staff will be present to answer general questions on the Proposed Action and the Draft EA. The meeting will be conducted May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 W. Ocean View Ave, Norfolk.

The Draft EA is available for public review at the following website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/MQ25-East>. Printed and electronic copies of the Draft EA may be reviewed at the following libraries: Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library, 111 West Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, VA and the Tidewater Community College and the City of Virginia Beach Joint Use Library: 1700 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Comments on the Draft EA may be submitted at the public meeting or at any time during the 30-day public comment period from May 8, 2025 through June 7, 2025 by using the public website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/MQ25-East>, or via U.S. mail, postmarked by June 7, 2025 to the following address:

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