



# Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Improving Homeport Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet



## *Public Scoping Meeting Guide*

### Open House Public Scoping Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday, June 27, 2023	Logan Memorial Educational Campus Building K101, MPR Room 2875 Ocean View Blvd. San Diego, CA 92113	6:30 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Coronado Community Center, Nautilus Room 1845 Strand Way Coronado, CA 92118	5 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 29, 2023	Burress Auditorium South Bay Union School District 601 Elm Ave. Imperial Beach, CA 91932	5 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Please Check In!

Scoping is your opportunity to provide comments to help us focus our analysis.  
Please visit the project website at [www.nepa.navy.mil/northislandCVNs/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/northislandCVNs/)



# Welcome

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Welcome to the United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy's (Navy) public meeting for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Improving Homeport Facilities for Three NIMITZ-Class Aircraft Carriers in Support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The public meeting is an open-house format. Please take your time to review the displays, talk to project staff, and provide written comments. We are in the early stages of the environmental review process and appreciate your time and interest.

Please visit a poster station for more information. We recommend visiting the poster stations in clockwise order.

## Why We Are Doing This Study

Our last environmental study for aircraft carriers at Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island was completed in 2008. Over the last 15 years, operations, training, and maintenance requirements have changed. We are updating our previous environmental studies to respond to these new changes. We welcome your comments as we begin this review process.



We invite your input on the scope of the analysis and issues we should consider as we prepare the draft study.

## What We Are Doing

NAS North Island at Naval Base Coronado is the homeport for three aircraft carriers and provides port facilities for visiting or transient aircraft carriers.

The Navy's SEIS will address current mission objectives, routine pier-side maintenance activities, and proposed electrical infrastructure upgrades.

- Current mission objectives may result in three aircraft carriers being in port at the same time at NAS North Island for more days per year than analyzed previously.
- The proposal does not include homeporting any additional aircraft carriers at NAS North Island.
- The proposed electrical infrastructure upgrades are needed to support next-generation aircraft carriers.

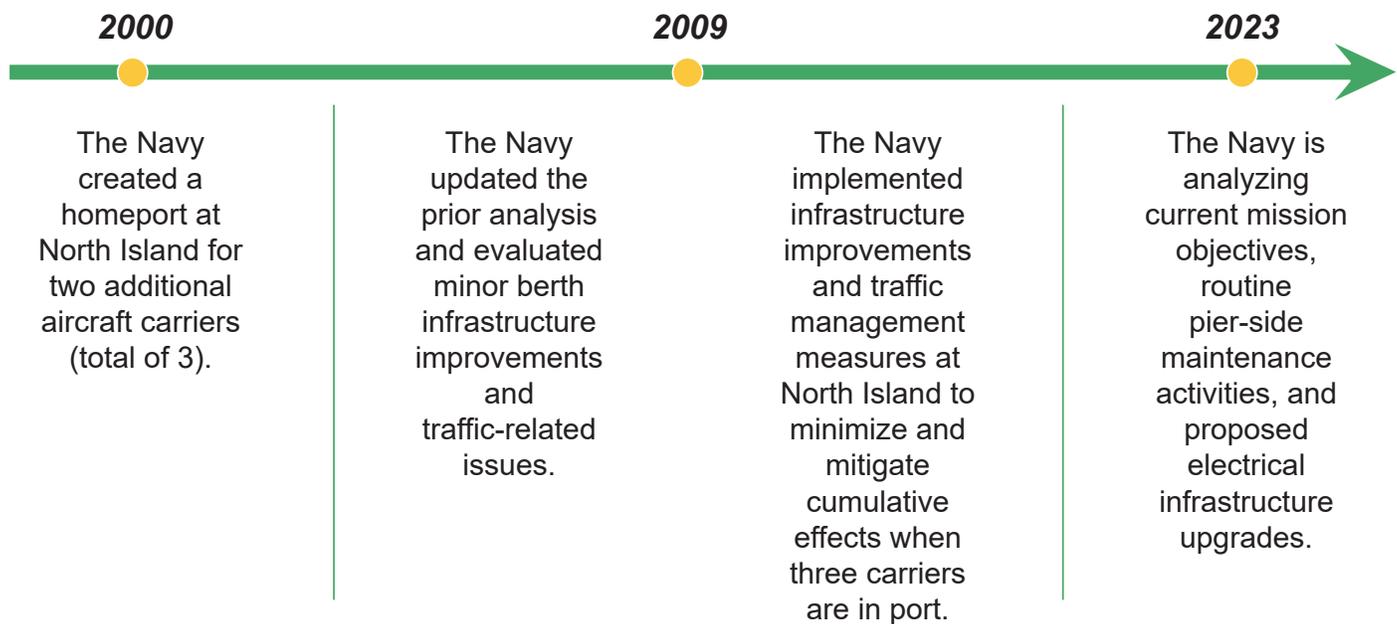
The Navy is preparing an SEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of this proposal. NEPA is a law that requires federal agencies to analyze the potential environmental impacts of their proposals. Public input is an important part of the NEPA process.



# Project History

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- 2000 – Following a 1999 Environmental Impact Statement, the Navy created a homeport at NAS North Island for two additional aircraft carriers, bringing the total number of carriers homeported in San Diego to three.
- 2009 – Following a 2008 SEIS, the Navy evaluated infrastructure improvements and traffic management measures at NAS North Island to minimize and mitigate cumulative effects when three aircraft carriers are in port.
- 2023 – The Navy is proposing to address current mission objectives, routine pier-side maintenance activities, and proposed electrical infrastructure upgrades in a new SEIS.



## What is the Navy Proposing?

The Navy is preparing an SEIS for improving homeport facilities for three NIMITZ-class aircraft carriers in support of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The Navy is proposing to address current mission objectives, routine pier-side maintenance activities, and proposed electrical infrastructure upgrades. The proposed electrical infrastructure is needed to support next-generation aircraft carriers, and these electrical infrastructure upgrades may extend off base along the utility corridor on 1st Street in Coronado (see Figure 1).

Current mission objectives may result in three aircraft carriers being in port at the same time at NAS North Island for more days per year than previously analyzed in environmental studies. This may include all three NAS North Island-homeported aircraft carriers or two NAS North Island-homeported aircraft carriers and one transient aircraft carrier. The Navy's proposal does not include homeporting any additional aircraft carriers at NAS North Island.

The Navy has previously evaluated the effects of three aircraft carriers in port at the same time for up to 29 days per year. For this SEIS, the Navy plans to analyze the impacts of three aircraft carriers in port at the same time for an average of 180 days per year. Although this scenario is considered unlikely, the Navy has chosen a conservative average number of days per year to take a "hard look" at the potential impacts of this ongoing project.

**Figure 1. Project Location** (see next page). *NAS North Island is part of Naval Base Coronado and encompasses approximately 2,800 acres of land on the western half of Coronado Island. The berths capable of supporting aircraft carriers are located on the northeast side of the installation, in San Diego Bay, adjacent to the City of Coronado and west of downtown San Diego. The electrical upgrades needed to support next-generation aircraft carriers may extend off base along the utility corridor on 1st Street in Coronado.*





Figure 1. Project Location

# Alternatives and Resources

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## Alternatives to be Considered

As the Navy prepares the SEIS, it will consider alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action.

## Preliminary Environmental Resources to be Studied

The Navy has identified the following key resources for analysis due to anticipated changes since the 2008 SEIS:



*Traffic*



*Socioeconomics*



*Environmental  
Justice*



*Air Quality*

The Navy also plans to review impacts to the following resource areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazardous Materials and Waste
- Infrastructure
- Land Use
- Noise
- Public Health and Safety
- Visual Resources
- Water Resources



The Navy will present the findings of the environmental study in the Draft SEIS, anticipated to be available for public review in summer 2024.



# NEPA

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## What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, or “NEPA” requires federal agencies to consider the potential environmental impacts of their proposed actions before making a decision. The public is invited to participate in the process.

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*The Navy invites you to participate  
in the SEIS process.*

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## What is an SEIS?

An SEIS is a detailed public document providing an assessment of the potential effects a major federal action may have on the human, natural, and cultural environment. An SEIS updates information and analyses conducted in a previous environmental impact statement. An SEIS:

- Is a report prepared by a multidisciplinary team
- Considers alternative ways to accomplish the Proposed Action
- Includes an evaluation of environmental resources that have changed since the last study
- Assesses the impact of the Proposed Action and alternatives on these resources
- Evaluates best management practices and mitigation measures to reduce environmental impacts

## A typical SEIS contains the following sections:

1. Introduction and Purpose and Need – project objectives and why the Proposed Action is needed
2. Proposed Action and Alternatives – what the Navy wants to do and alternatives that can meet the Navy’s needs
3. Affected Environment – description of the existing environment or baseline conditions
4. Environmental Consequences – analysis of affected environmental resource areas associated with implementation of each alternative

5. Cumulative Impacts – effects of the Proposed Action, considered along with other projects occurring in the same area
6. Mitigation Measures – best management practices and measures that could lessen environmental impacts

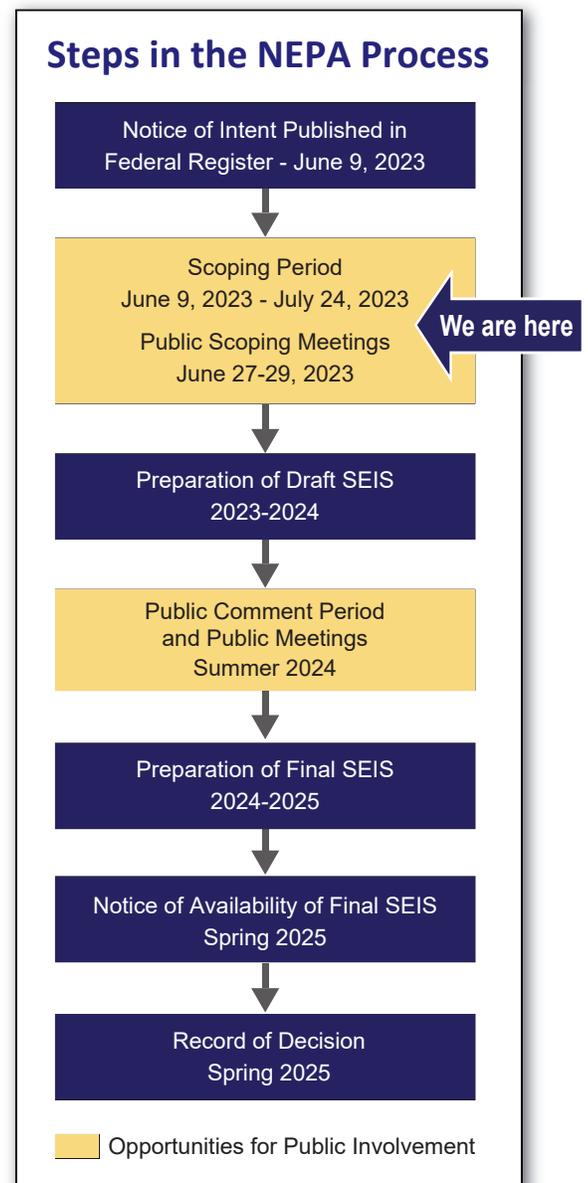
## Scoping

### What is Scoping?

Scoping occurs at the beginning of the NEPA process to help the Navy understand community-specific concerns regarding the proposed project and the planned analysis. It encourages the participation of other federal, state, and local agencies, as well as the public. Scoping helps determine what should be studied in the SEIS and alternatives to be analyzed.

### Get Involved

There are two opportunities for your participation during the NEPA process. The schedule highlights in yellow the steps where you can get involved. During the scoping step, engaging the public in an early and open process helps the Navy identify, define, and prioritize resources to be evaluated in the Draft SEIS. Once the Draft SEIS is released, the Navy invites the public to review and comment on the analysis. The release of the Draft SEIS and the opening of the Draft SEIS comment period will be announced to the public, and additional public meetings will be held to receive comments on the study. The Navy then prepares a Final SEIS, considering the comments received on the Draft SEIS. Once the Final SEIS is complete, a Notice of Availability is published in the *Federal Register* and local newspapers. This is followed by a 30-day wait period. The final decision will then be published in the *Federal Register* as a Record of Decision.



# The NEPA Process and Community Involvement

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NEPA requires federal agencies to:

1. Consider the environmental impacts of their proposed projects.
2. Get early public input on resources and alternatives to be studied.

*During the public scoping phase (current phase: June 9, 2023 – July 24, 2023),* the public helps identify the scope of analysis, environmental resource areas, and potential alternatives to be analyzed in the SEIS.

*During the public comment period for the Draft SEIS (anticipated in summer 2024),* the public evaluates and comments on the draft analysis of the Proposed Action and alternatives and their potential impacts on environmental resource areas.

## Community Input

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*Public participation helps the Navy  
make informed decisions.*

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1. Complete a comment form at a public scoping meeting and place it in the comment box.
2. Submit comments electronically through the project website:  
[www.nepa.navy.mil/northislandCVNs/](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/northislandCVNs/)
3. Mail written comments, postmarked no later than July 24, 2023, to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Atlantic  
ATTN: EV21, CVN SEIS Project Manager  
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Norfolk, VA 23508



**Comments must be submitted by July 24, 2023,** to be considered in the development of the Draft SEIS. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur after the publication of the Draft SEIS in summer 2024.





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