

GOMEX Range Complex EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy is announcing public hearings and a public comment period for the Gulf of Mexico (GOMEX) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). This document assesses the potential environmental consequences associated with Navy Atlantic Fleet training and research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities, and associated range capabilities enhancements (including infrastructure enhancements) in the GOMEX Range Complex.

Public hearings will be held on the following dates:

February 2, 2009 - Bay Point Marriott; 4200 Marriott Drive; Panama City, FL 32408

February 3, 2009 - New World Inn; 600 South Palafox Street; Pensacola, FL 23502

February 4, 2009 - New Orleans Marriott; 555 Canal Street; New Orleans, LA 70130

February 6, 2009 - Holiday Inn Emerald Beach Hotel; 1102 South Shoreline Boulevard; Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Copies of the draft document can be found at the following locations:

East Bank Regional Library - 4747 West Napoleon Avenue; Metairie, LA 70001

New Orleans Public Library - Main Library; 219 Loyola Avenue; New Orleans, LA 70112

The document is also available for download at <http://www.GOMEXRangeComplexEIS.com>

Each hearing will begin with an open house poster session from 5-7 p.m.

A formal presentation and public comment period will be held from 7-9 p.m.

Comments on the Draft GOMEX EIS/OEIS can be sent via U.S. mail or fax, as well as through the GOMEX Range Complex EIS/OEIS website. The mailing address is: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division; Attention: Code EV22TW (GOMEX EIS/OEIS PM);

6506 Hampton Blvd; Norfolk, VA 23508-1278. Fax: (757) 322-4894.

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Please submit comments by February 16, 2009