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Ladies and Gentlemen,

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR THE HOME BASING OF THE MQ-25A STINGRAY CARRIER BASED
UNMANNED AIR SYSTEM AT NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY, POINT MUGU,
CALIFORNIA

The Department of the Navy has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Home Basing of the MQ-25A Stingray Carrier-Based Unmanned Aircraft System (Stingray CBUAS) at Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Point Mugu, California. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the release of the draft EA and request any comments you may have on the draft EA during the public comment period.

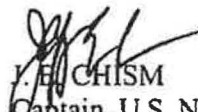
The proposed action would establish facilities and functions at NBVC Point Mugu, California to support West Coast home basing and operations of the MQ-25A Stingray CBUAS. Under the proposed action, the Navy would home base 20 Stingray CBUAS; construct a hangar, training facilities, and supporting infrastructure; perform air vehicle maintenance; provide training for air vehicle operators and maintainers; conduct approximately 960 Stingray CBUAS annual training flight operations; and station approximately 730 personnel, plus their family members. The draft EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and the No Action Alternative. The environmental resource areas analyzed in this EA include: Air quality, water resources, biological resources, airspace and airfield operations, noise, infrastructure, transportation, public health and safety, hazardous materials and wastes, socioeconomic, and cumulative impacts.

Under the proposed action, construction would begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and continue through FY-2024. Initial operational capability for the Stingray CBUAS program is expected in the fourth quarter of FY-2024, with full operational capability attained by FY-2031.

The draft EA is available on the Navy's website at <http://www.nepa.navy.mil/stingray>. Interested parties may view a copy of the draft EA at either the Ray D. Prueter Library, 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA, 93041 or the E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main St, Ventura, CA, 93001. Comments on the draft EA may be submitted at any time during the public comment period from October 29 through November 30, 2020 via the website or via U.S. mail postmarked by November 30, 2020 to the following address: MQ-25A Stingray CBUAS EA Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21JB, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23508.

Thank you for supporting the Navy mission in California.

Sincerely,


J. E. CHISM
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Newspaper Notice of Availability

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OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
HOME BASING OF THE MQ-25A STINGRAY CARRIER-BASED
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NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY POINT MUGU, CA

The Navy is proposing to home base a new carrier-based unmanned air system at Naval Base Ventura County in Point Mugu, California. This system is known as the MQ-25A Stingray. In support of national defense objectives, the Stingray will help to enhance the capability and versatility of the carrier air wing by providing persistent, sea-based, multi-mission aerial refueling and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Navy has prepared a draft environmental assessment to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of this home basing action. The environmental assessment analyzes the impacts of home basing 20 Stingray air systems and stationing approximately 730 additional personnel plus their family members at Point Mugu. In addition, the environmental assessment addresses the impacts of constructing a new hangar, training facilities, and supporting infrastructure; performing air vehicle maintenance; providing training for air vehicle operators and maintainers; and conducting approximately 960 annual MQ-25A Stingray flight operations.

Interested parties may view a copy of the draft environmental assessment at the Ray D. Prueter Library, 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA, 93041 or the E.P Foster Library, 651 E. Main St, Ventura, CA, 93001, and at the following website:

<http://www.nepa.navy.mil/stingray>.

To ensure consideration in the final environmental assessment, all comments must be postmarked or received online no later than **November 30, 2020**. Written comments may be submitted online at <http://www.nepa.navy.mil/stingray> or mailed to: MQ-25A Stingray CBUAS EA Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21JB, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23508.