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NAVY RELEASES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT; SELECTS WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY FOR E-2/C-2 FCLP

The Navy released a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) after evaluating the potential environmental effects that could result from the Navy's proposal to conduct regular, scheduled E-2 Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations at either Emporia-Greensville Regional Airport or at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility. The Navy determined that FCLP operations at Emporia-Greensville Regional Airport or either of the two runways under consideration at Wallops – Runway 10/28 or Runway 4/22 would have no significant environmental impact.

Because implementing the proposed action would not result in significant impacts the Navy has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. Further, after consideration of environmental and operational factors, the Navy has determined to implement this action at Wallops Flight Facility.

Under the proposal, these twin engine, turboprop aircraft will conduct up to 20,000 FCLP passes annually at Wallops Flight Facility. The Navy anticipates that necessary construction can be completed and FCLP operations can begin sometime this summer.

The Navy released the Draft EA on September 6, 2012, and received public comments on the document from September 6 to October 19, 2012.

The EA, including the FONSI, can be viewed and downloaded at:

https://portal.navfac.navy.mil/portal/page/portal/navfac/navfac_ww_pp/navfac_navfacmidlant_pp/midlant_ps/environmental_norfolk/tab3987837, or at:
http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/docs/Navy_FCLP_Ops.pdf

A printed copy and an electronic copy of the Final EA and FONSI for public review have been placed in

- Richardson Memorial Library at 100 Spring Street, Emporia, Virginia 23847
- Emporia-Greensville Regional Library at 139 Airport Drive, Emporia, Virginia 23847
- Chincoteague Island Library at 4077 Main Street, Chincoteague Island, Virginia 23336
- Eastern Shore Public Library at 23610 Front Street, P.O. Box 360, Accomack, Virginia 23301
- Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center, on Route 175 across from Wallops Main Base