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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR  
HOME BASING OF THE MQ-25A STINGRAY CARRIER-BASED  
UNMANNED AIR SYSTEM AT  
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 Page: 1 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.