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Ladies and Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES NAVY'S FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE HOME BASING OF THE MQ-25A STINGRAY CARRIER BASED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM AT NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY, POINT MUGU CALIFORNIA

The Department of the Navy announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Home Basing of the MQ-25A Stingray Carrier Based Unmanned Aircraft System (CBUAS) at Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, California. This document analyzes the potential environmental effects that may result from the basing and operations of 20 Stingray CBUAS at the naval base. This document and related project information is available on the project website at: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/stingray>.

The Draft EA was made available for public review and comment from October 29 through November 30, 2020. All comments received were considered in preparing the Final EA.

Based on the findings presented in the Final EA, the Navy has determined that the proposed action would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued. Enclosure (1) provides more detailed information on how to obtain a copy of the Final EA and FONSI.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. E. Chism".

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

Enclosure 1: Newspaper Notice of Availability

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR HOME BASING OF
THE MQ-25A STINGRAY CARRIER-BASED UNMANNED AIR SYSTEM AT
NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY POINT MUGU, CA

The United States Department of the Navy, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, announces the availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) assessing the potential environmental impacts from the Proposed Action to home base a new carrier-based unmanned air system at Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu, California. This system is known as the MQ-25A Stingray. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to base a new West Coast squadron designed to enhance aircraft carrier capability and versatility for the Joint Forces Commander through the integration of a persistent, sea-based, multi-mission aerial refueling and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance unmanned aerial system into the carrier air wing. This announcement also serves to provide notice of compliance with Executive Order (EO) 11988, "Floodplain Management," and EO 11990, "Protection of Wetlands."

The Final EA analyzes the impacts of home basing 20 Stingray air systems and stationing approximately 730 additional personnel plus their family members at Point Mugu; 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.

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Based on the findings of the Final EA and the public review of the Draft EA, the Navy has determined that the Proposed Action would have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Pursuant to EO 11988 and EO 11990, the Navy finds that there is no practicable alternative to implementing the Proposed Action within floodplains or wetlands, and the Proposed Action includes all practicable measures to minimize harm to floodplain and wetland areas. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required, and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued.

The Final EA and FONSI are available at: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/stingray> and at the following public libraries: **Ray D. Prueter Library**, 510 Park Avenue, Port Hueneme, CA 93041 or the **E.P. Foster Library**, 651 E. Main St, Ventura, CA 93001. An electronic copy may be obtained by written request to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Atlantic (ATTENTION: J. Butts, Code EV21), 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.