

Norfolk Harbor and Channels Deepening

What is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969?

- One of the nation's oldest environmental laws
- Only applies to federal agencies like the Army Corps of Engineers
- Requires federal agencies to consider and disclose the environmental effects of their proposed actions in a public document
- Encourages federal agencies to make environmentally responsible decisions

Will an EIS or EA be Prepared?

- The USACE intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA)
- The EA is used to determine whether a proposed action has the potential to cause significant environmental effects
- If no significant effects are predicted, the EA results in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- If significant effects are predicted, the USACE will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Scheduled for public release: Spring of 2017

How Will My Comments Be Used?

- Identify alternatives to be considered
- Recommend environmental resources to evaluate
- Define the breadth of environmental effects to be assessed
- Connect with stakeholders interested in participating
- Determine new sources of data or information

What Environmental Topics will be Considered?

- Air Quality
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Demographics
- Dredged Material Handling and Disposal
- Economics
- Fish and Wildlife Resources
- Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Materials
- Hydrology
- Land Use
- Navigation
- Noise and Vibration
- Recreation
- Protected Species
- Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice
- Traffic (Truck and Rail)
- Water Quality
- Cumulative Effects

What is "Scoping"?

- "Scoping" is the step in the NEPA process when the public is invited to participate in identifying issues, alternatives, and potentially significant effects to be considered in the analysis
- Helps the USACE identify and eliminate from detailed study issues that are not significant or that have been covered by prior environmental review

How Can I Provide Comments?

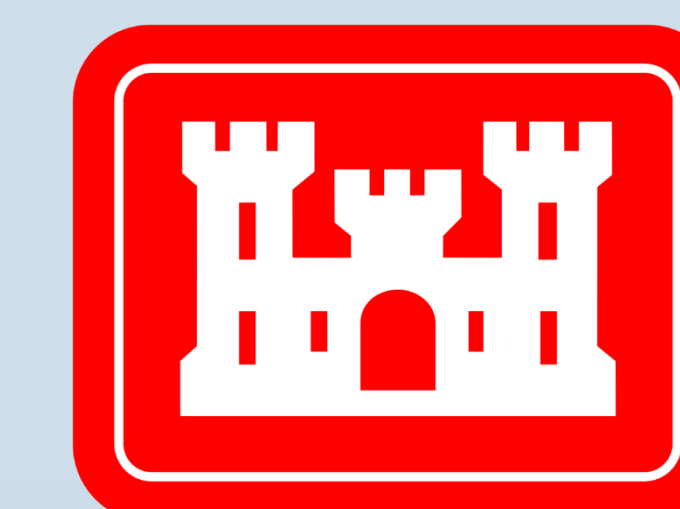
- You may fill out a written comment form at this meeting and place it in the comment box.
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