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Navy to host public meetings on NAS Key West Airfield Operations Draft EIS and extend public comment period

The Navy has scheduled two public meetings to provide information and to obtain public comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzing environmental effects of air operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West. These meetings will be conducted as informal open house sessions, providing members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Navy representatives as well as the opportunity to comment in writing on the Draft EIS. The first meeting will be conducted Wednesday, August 1, in the Conference Room of the Doubletree by Hilton Grand Key Resort, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West. The second will be conducted Thursday, August 2, at the Tennessee Williams Theater at the Florida Keys Community College, 5901 College Rd., Key West. Both meetings will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Public input is extremely important in order for the Navy to fully understand community concerns and relevant issues. Individuals interested in the project are strongly encouraged to provide their comments on the document within the public comment period. In order to ensure everyone in the community has ample opportunity to provide input into this document, the Navy has extended the public comment period for an additional 15 days (from the originally published 45 days to 60 days). The public comment period will now continue until August 28. All public comments received will be reviewed, considered, and addressed appropriately in the Final EIS.

Comments can be submitted via mail to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, NAS Key West Air Operations EIS Project Manager, P.O. Box 30, Building 903, NAS Jacksonville, FL 32212 or electronically via the project Web site: <http://www.keywesteis.com>.

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