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## NAVY EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The U.S. Navy has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the potential environmental effects from conducting regularly scheduled E-2C/D Hawkeye and C-2A Greyhound Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations at either Emporia-Greenville Regional Airport or at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility (WFF). Under the proposal, these twin engine, turboprop aircraft would conduct up to 20,000 practice carrier landings annually at the selected field. The Navy has not identified a preferred site in this EA.

In response to requests from elected officials and members of the public, and in order to ensure interested parties have ample opportunity to provide input into this document, the Navy has extended the public comment period until October 19. The original deadline for public comment was October 5. Public input is important in order for the Navy to fully understand community concerns and relevant issues. Individuals interested in the project are encouraged to provide their comments.

A printed copy and an electronic copy of the Draft EA are available for public review in the Richardson Memorial Library, 100 Spring St., Emporia, VA; Chincoteague Island Library, 4077 Main Street Chincoteague, VA; Eastern Shore Public Library, 23610 Front Street, Accomac, VA and at Emporia-Greenville Regional Airport, 139 Airport Drive, Emporia, VA.

The Draft EA is also available online at:

[https://portal.navfac.navy.mil/portal/page/portal/navfac/navfac\\_ww\\_pp/navfac\\_navfacmidlant\\_pp/midlant\\_ps/environmental\\_norfolk/tab3987837](https://portal.navfac.navy.mil/portal/page/portal/navfac/navfac_ww_pp/navfac_navfacmidlant_pp/midlant_ps/environmental_norfolk/tab3987837)

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