

The Extended Naval Testing Capability Environmental Assessment, White Sands Missile Range – DRAFT  
Public Scoping Meeting Notice for Public Release

The White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Environmental Division invites the public to identify concerns and provide comments on an Environmental Assessment (EA) that examines the environmental effects of proposed hypervelocity projectile (HVP) and Electromagnetic (EM) Railgun testing at WSMR, New Mexico and the Northern Call-Up Area (NCA) in Socorro County, New Mexico. In addition, this EA considers potential ground disturbance associated with test operations on a restricted parcel of land in the NCA.

This EA identifies, documents, and evaluates relevant impacts, conditions, and issues associated with the proposed action and its alternatives. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at the Macey Center, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, New Mexico, from 7 to 9 p.m. Discussion with the public about the proposed action will be used to determine the scope of issues to be addressed and identified in the analysis process.

The Draft EA is available to the public at the following Information repositories: 1) Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001; 2) WSMR Post Library, Building 465, WSMR, New Mexico 88002; 3) Socorro Public Library, 401 Park St, Socorro, NM 87801; and 4) US Army Corp of Engineers <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Compliance-Documents/Environmental-Assessments-FONSI/>

The EA is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1518), and other federal, state, and Army rules that require the environmental impacts of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions be analyzed. The EA shall determine whether or not this federal undertaking would significantly affect the environment as a result of the proposed testing and will be available for public review. The WSMR Environmental Division estimates the EA will be finalized within six months of the public meeting.

Questions concerning the Draft Advanced Gunfire Environmental Assessment should be directed to Ms. Deborah Nethers (US Army, Directorate of Public Works-Environmental Division) at WSMR, or by e-mail [mdimsha@wsmrnepa.com](mailto:mdimsha@wsmrnepa.com) or faxed to (575) 678-4028. Written comments must be signed. Comments regarding the Draft EA will be received in writing for 30-days from publication. Comments must be postmarked or received by 30 October 2017. Comments can be sent to the following address:

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