

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, *Floodplain Management*, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that the Navy is conducting an evaluation of a proposed action which may involve construction in a floodplain to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. The Navy will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988.

The proposed action is to replace a domestic water boiler, boiler pump, and associated underground piping from building 3939 to building 3600 located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. As required by EO 11988, a more detailed description of the proposed action is available below.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on September 10, 2021 by email to joelle.odaniellopez@navy.mil or by mail postmarked no later than September 10, 2021 to:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed action is to replace a domestic water boiler, boiler pump, and associated underground piping from building 3939 to building 3600 located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide necessary upgrades to the boiler system for the Naval Branch Healthcare and Dental Clinic.

The current boiler system is in need of replacement, as the underground piping system has had many failures and the current boiler plant provides insufficient heating for hot water used for hand washing and showers. This project includes replacement of one domestic water boiler, boiler pump, and domestic cold and hot water piping and insulation; connection of the new piping to the existing system and controls; and installation of a new control valve, strainer, and shutoff valve. This includes new natural gas piping, double block and bleed valves, and all new controls. New clearly visible temperature gauges and pressure gauges will be installed as well. The existing boiler, pump, and piping will be removed after each new component has been tested and a balance of the system has been completed. During installation of the new components, a temporary boiler system will be provided for the reheating boiler to provide proper humidity control and temperature control in the clinic. The new boilers and pumps will be equivalent to existing systems.

The Navy is proposing the action in a floodplain because the facilities, buildings 3939 and 3600, are located within the boundaries of floodplains associated with Pensacola Bay and are in need of upgrades to the current boiler system. If no action is provided, the boiler system will continue to deteriorate and eventually become inoperable. This will incur extra costs and negatively affect the Naval Branch Healthcare and Dental Clinic personnel and patients. Implementation of the proposed action would not affect flood frequency or severity.

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Location Map



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