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### **NAVY INVITES PUBLIC TO OPEN-HOUSE MEETINGS ON DRAFT EIS**

**PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM** – The U.S. Navy encourages the public to attend open-house public meetings in Hawaii June 12-15 to learn about and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for Navy training and testing activities in the Hawaii-Southern California Study Area.

The HSTT Draft EIS/OEIS takes a comprehensive look at the effects of Navy training and testing on the ocean environment in Hawaii and Southern California, incorporating the latest science.

Four open-house public meetings will be held in Hawaii to inform the public about the Navy's Proposed Action and to obtain comments on the Proposed Action and alternatives, and the accuracy and adequacy of the Draft EIS/OEIS analysis. The public may arrive at any time during the open-house public meetings. There will not be a formal presentation; however, Navy representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about the Proposed Action and Draft EIS/OEIS. The open house public meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at:

**Date:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012  
**Location:** Wilcox Elementary School Cafeteria  
4319 Hardy St.  
Lihue, HI 96766

**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012  
**Location:** Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria  
795 Onehee Ave.  
Kahului, HI 96732

**Date:** Thursday, June 14, 2012  
**Location:** East Hawaii Cultural Center  
141 Kalakaua St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

**Date:** Friday, June 15, 2012  
**Location:** McKinley High School Cafeteria  
1039 S. King St.  
Honolulu, HI 96814

An open-house public meeting will also be held in Southern California on June 20, 2012.

The Navy proposes to conduct training and testing activities primarily within existing range complexes and operating areas located in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands and off the coast of Southern California, Navy pierside locations in both areas and a transit corridor connecting the Hawaii and Southern California range complexes. The Proposed Action includes the use of active sonar and explosives. The HSTT Draft EIS/OEIS updates the science and analyses needed to continue critical Navy training and testing in the Study Area. The Draft EIS/OEIS combines multiple previous studies into one, thereby incorporating expanded areas and new science, platforms and activities.

Copies of the Draft EIS/OEIS are available to the public at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com) and at the following information repositories in Hawaii:

- Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766
- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
- Wailuku Public Library, 251 High St., Wailuku, HI 96793
- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waiuanuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720
- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii and Pacific Section, 478 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96813

The Navy is accepting comments throughout the 60-day public comment period, from May 11, 2012, to July 10, 2012. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **July 10, 2012**, for consideration in the Final EIS/OEIS.

Written comments may be submitted via the project website at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com), in person at the public meetings or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest  
Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS Project Manager – EV21.CS  
1220 Pacific Highway, Building 1, Floor 3  
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

Visit the project website at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com) to learn more about the project.

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**NOTE:** Media wishing to interview subject matter experts about the HSTT Draft EIS/OEIS before the public meetings should contact Mark Matsunaga, Pacific Fleet Public Affairs, 808-471-3769, or Tom Clements, Pacific Missile Range Facility Public Affairs, 808-335-4740.