

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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ADDENDUM TO FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR FLEET SUPPORT  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy gives notice that an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the fleet support and infrastructure improvements at Naval Air Station (NAS) Key West. Navy signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on 14 April 2003 and published a Notice of Availability of the EA on 19 April 2003.

Subsequent to issuing the Notice of Availability, the Navy determined that three corrections are required in the EA text. These corrections include the following:

1. Figure 2-5 shows that the dredge pipeline corridor terminates at the Dead-end Canal site. This figure is incorrect and should reflect termination at the Rockland Key site as described in Section 2.2.1.3 of the EA.
2. Section 3.10, paragraph 7 states that, "The 1977 Air Installations Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) shows that 4,756 acres of land and water are within the off-base portion of Noise Zone 2; and all Accident Potential Zones (APZs) are within the base." The latter half of this statement is incorrect and should be deleted, because all APZs are not within the base.
3. Section 4.3.3.2 states, "the Navy intends to initiate abbreviated Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 305(b)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act." In addition, the 14 April FONSI states, "For dredge related aspects of the preferred alternative, the Navy is initiating an abbreviated consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries for compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1801-1882)." This consultation is unnecessary since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) initiated consultation on the Navy's behalf on 15 January 2003 with ACOE issuance of the Notice of the proposed Key West Shipping Channel maintenance dredging project. Thus, EFH consultations are underway between the USACOE and the National Marine Fisheries Service for the dredge-related aspects of the preferred alternative. Navy will comply with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as appropriate for all other aspects of the preferred alternative.

The Navy has reevaluated the Environmental Assessment and considered this corrected information and finds that Fleet support and infrastructure improvements at Naval Air Station (NAS), Key West, will not significantly impact the human environment.

The EA addressing this action may be obtained from: Commander, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P. O. Box 190010, North Charleston, SC 29419-9010 (Attn: Mr. Will Sloger, Code ES12), telephone 843/820-5797. A limited number of copies of the EA are available to fill single copy requests.

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