



Environmental Assessment for the Demolition of the Fuel Pier and Relocation of the Salt Water Pump at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Atlantic Detachment Cutler, Maine

The Proposed Action

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Navy is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed demolition of the fuel pier and relocation of the salt water pump at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Atlantic Detachment Cutler, Maine.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to demolish the fuel pier and relocate the salt water pump to a permanent location on shore. The proposed action is needed to minimize safety hazards while maintaining an operational fire suppression system.

Alternatives Considered

Alternatives were developed for analysis based upon the following reasonable alternative screening factors: prevent further deposition of rubble and other material into Machias Bay; eliminate potential impacts to the fire suppression system; and, adequately minimize safety risks to site personnel and the general public. The Navy is considering two alternatives, the Action Alternative that meets the purpose and need, and a No Action Alternative. The Action Alternative would demolish the fuel pier and relocate the salt water pump on to the shore. Under the No Action Alternative, the fuel pier would remain and the salt water pump would not be relocated.

Scope of the EA

The EA will present the existing conditions at the proposed project site and evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the proposed action on the natural and human environment. The EA will evaluate potential impacts of the proposed action on the following resource areas: air quality, cultural resources, biological resources, land use, and hazardous materials and wastes.

The Navy will be consulting on the proposed action with key agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry – Maine Coastal Program, and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

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