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## **Navy Issues Finding of No Significant Impact for NAS Oceana Strike Fighter Transition Environmental Assessment**

Based on analysis presented in the NAS Oceana Strike Fighter Transition Final Environmental Assessment (EA), the Navy finds that replacing the remaining Hornet aircraft operated by the Fleet squadrons based at NAS Oceana with Super Hornet aircraft will not significantly impact the quality of the human or natural environment.

The EA prepared by the Navy is on file and interested parties may obtain a copy by downloading the EA from the project website: [www.oceanastrikefighter.com](http://www.oceanastrikefighter.com).

The Draft EA was made available for review for 30 days from August 16 to September 15, 2017. The Draft EA was posted on the project website and paper copies were available at eight local libraries, and public meetings were held at the Columbian Club in Virginia Beach on August 29, 2017 and the Hickory Ruritan Club in Chesapeake on August 30, 2017.

The Proposed Action analyzed in the EA is to transition the remaining F/A-18A/C/D Hornet aircraft operated by the Fleet squadrons based at NAS Oceana to the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet as well as retire the F/A-18A/C/D Hornet aircraft operated by the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). The proposed transition would involve an approximate one-for-one aircraft replacement and would occur at NAS Oceana, Virginia. Concurrently, the FRS would retire its F/A-18A/C/D aircraft as demand for F/A-18A/C/D replacement pilot training diminishes.

There would be no change to the type and amount of aircraft operations. The majority of the aircraft based at NAS Oceana transitioned to F/A-18E/F Super Hornet over a decade ago and are currently conducting flight training operations at NAS Oceana and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress.

Other than minor modifications to aircraft auxiliary power utilities in hangars, and installation of F/A-18E/F Super Hornet-compatible electrical distribution on the flight line, no major construction or facility modifications are planned. The Proposed Action would involve an increase of approximately 62 personnel.

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