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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE DISPOSAL AND REUSE  
OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER (NMCRC), TACOMA,  
WASHINGTON**

The Department of the Navy (Navy) announces the availability of and invites public comments on a Draft EA for the disposal and reuse of NMCRC Tacoma. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4321 et seq., the Navy has prepared the Draft EA to identify and assess the potential impacts associated with the proposed disposal of surplus federal property at NMCRC Tacoma for subsequent reuse. NMCRC Tacoma was designated for closure under the authority of the 2005 Amendment to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (DBCRA) of 1990 (10 U.S.C. §2687 note) that directed the Department of Defense to reduce and realign United States military operations. Upon final operational closure of NMCRC Tacoma, the Navy will dispose of the property in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including the 2005 Amendment to the DBCRA.

As required by DBCRA, the Redevelopment Plan prepared by the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) is to be treated as part of the proposed federal action. The LRA concluded in its Redevelopment Plan that the highest and best use for the NMCRC Tacoma property would be inclusion into the Port of Tacoma's Master Plan. The Port is proposing a comprehensive master redevelopment program for Blair Peninsula transforming the existing industrial and commercial landscape into primarily international and marine terminal facilities.

The Draft EA was prepared in accordance with the Navy's obligations under NEPA; the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508); and Department of Navy Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Implementation Guidance.

Copies of the Draft EA can be downloaded from the BRAC website at: <http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil>. Pursuant to the CEQ regulations, the Navy invites public participation in the NEPA process. The public may participate by reviewing and submitting comments on the Draft EA. The Navy will consider all applicable comments submitted during the public comment period, and subsequently will prepare the Final EA. The Navy will announce the availability of the Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact. Comments on the Draft EA should be received by **June 12, 2009**. Please submit your comments to:

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If you have any questions or would like to request a hard copy of the review materials, please contact Mr. Patrick McCay at (619) 532-0906 or email from [patrick.mccay@navy.mil](mailto:patrick.mccay@navy.mil).