

Alternatives

Based on a detailed feasibility and streamlining study, the Coast Guard developed and considered three consolidation alternatives, in addition to a no action alternative. Under all consolidation alternatives, the Coast Guard Academy would experience minor expansion, receiving about 40 new staff members and 13000 square feet of new construction. This expansion represents a small change in the operational size of the academy that would be absorbed by refurbishing existing structures in developed areas. The action is not expected to result in any significant environmental impacts, therefore, the impact on the Academy is not analyzed in detail in the PEA.

The four alternatives evaluated are summarized below. The Coast Guard has not yet identified a preferred alternative.

1. Consolidate East Coast: TRACEN Petaluma would close and most of its training functions would be relocated to RTC Yorktown. ATTC Elizabeth City and TRACEN Cape May would not be significantly affected by this alternative.

2. Consolidate Tidewater Area: TRACEN Petaluma and TRACEN Cape May would close and their functions would be relocated to RTC Yorktown and ATTC Elizabeth City.

3. Consolidate to a DOD Facility: TRACEN Petaluma, TRACEN Cape May, and ATTC Elizabeth City would be closed and their functions relocated to an undetermined closed Department of Defense (DOD) military base. The impacts at TRACEN Petaluma and TRACEN Cape May for this alternative are the same as those under Alternative 2.

4. No Action: The Coast Guard would continue to operate the training centers as they currently exist. However, this alternative would not achieve the Coast Guard's goal of long-term cost savings.

The PEA evaluates the environmental impacts of each alternative, including: Land use; infrastructure/transportation; hazardous materials and waste management; biological resources; cultural resources; air quality; noise; water resources; and socioeconomics. Other environmental impacts, including impacts on geology, soils, and bathymetry, are not expected to be affected from the action and are not evaluated in detail. Environmental impacts related to potential reuse and disposal of facilities will be the subject of subsequent NEPA analyses.

The PEA identifies no significant biophysical impacts under alternatives 1, 2, and 4, because the proposed action is relatively small in scale and is not

expected to adversely affect sensitive resources. If a DOD facility is identified and alternative 3 is selected, an appropriate NEPA analysis will be conducted to address environmental impacts at the DOD facility.

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 15); and the Coast Guard Implementing Procedures and Policies (COMDTINST M16475.1B), and based on this analysis, the Coast Guard finds that Alternatives 1, 2, and 4 will have no significant environmental effects and concludes that an EIS is not required.

The Coast Guard recognizes that there may be potentially significant socioeconomic impacts. For example, closure of TRACEN Petaluma could have a significant socioeconomic impact on Two Rock Elementary School because the closure would reduce federal and state funding that is provided to the school on a per pupil basis. However, because there are no significant environmental impacts, the presence of a potential significant socioeconomic impact does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Public Meetings

Public meetings to discuss the proposed consolidation of training facilities and alternatives considered, present findings of the PEA, and to receive public comments have been scheduled for the following times and locations:

- June 22, 1995 (7 to 10pm) at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA;
- June 26, 1995 (7 to 10pm) at the City Hall, 643 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ;
- June 27, 1995 (7 to 10pm) at the Base Auditorium, Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA;
- June 28, 1995 (7 to 10pm) at the Kerman E. White Grad Center, Elizabeth City State University, 1704 Weeksville Road, Elizabeth City, NC; and
- June 29, 1995 (6:30 to 9pm) at the New London Public Library, 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT.

All interested persons will be given opportunity to express their views by making an oral statement or filing a written comment. The meetings will be recorded to help ensure that all comments will be considered.

Request for Comments

Copies of the PEA and proposed FONSI are available as described under ADDRESSES. The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to comment on these documents. The Coast Guard will consider these comments prior to

making a decision to implement a consolidation proposal.

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Federal Aviation Administration

Civil Tiltrotor Development Advisory Committee; Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(A) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act Public Law (72-362); 5 U.S.C. (App. I), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sponsored Civil Tiltrotor Development Advisory Committee (CTRDAC) to be held June 29 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, D.C. in rooms 8236-8240.

The agenda for the third meeting of the CTRDAC will include:

- (1) A review of the October 6 meeting minutes
- (2) Discussion of subcommittee executive summaries
- (3) Discussion of subcommittee reports
- (4) Review of work plans/schedule
- (5) Other business.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Lenora Harris, Staff Assistant to the Designated Federal Official on (202) 267-8787 prior to June 22. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the Chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements, obtain information, or who plan to access the building to attend the meeting should also contact Ms. Harris.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Karen Braxton (202) 267-9451 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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