

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, *Floodplain Management*, the United States Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that the Navy is conducting an evaluation of a proposed action, which may involve activity in a floodplain to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. The Navy will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and EO 11990.

The proposed action is to reconstruct the Pensacola Navy Range Rear Light located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. As required by EO 11988 and EO 11990, a more detailed description of the proposed action is available below.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Interested parties may submit written comments no later than 5:00 PM Central Time on October 30, 2025 by email to [joelle.a.odaniel-lopez.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:joelle.a.odaniel-lopez.civ@us.navy.mil) or by mail postmarked no later than October 30, 2025 to:

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed action is to reconstruct the Pensacola Navy Range Light located on Naval Air Station Pensacola in Escambia County, Florida. The purpose of the proposed action is to restore essential navigational safety and ensure continued adherence to regulatory standards within the Pensacola Naval Area.

The proposed action will rebuild the Pensacola Navy Range Rear Light to re-mark the center line of Pensacola Civil Entrance Channel Reach 1. This Aid to Navigation is required to ensure the safe transit of Commercial and Military vessels in and out of Pensacola Harbor and is an established Aid in the Maritime Safety Information Light List Publication. Project description is H-10ft X W-10ft X L-10ft wood platform with a 30ft high 5'X5' steel tower on top of platform for a total height of 40ft.

The Navy is proposing the action in the boundaries of the floodplain because the existing facilities are located within the boundaries of floodplains associated with Pensacola Bay and are in need of navigational aid marker. If no action is provided, the channel and maritime traffic safety within the Pensacola Naval Area is at risk. Implementation of the proposed action would not affect flood frequency or severity.

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Location Map



Site Map



Proposed Pensacola Navy Range Rear Light