

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND FINDING OF NO PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE (FONPA)**

The United States Air Force (USAF) and United States Navy (USN) announce the availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Finding of No Practicable Alternatives (FONPA) for the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) that addresses the proposed facilities and infrastructure construction, demolition, and additions/remodeling on approximately 60 acres of the Joint Base Charleston (JBC) Air Base, Weapons Station, and North Auxiliary Airfield properties.

Each Proposed Action described in the Final EA considers individualized alternatives specific to the details of the proposed projects. Multiple location and design alternatives are considered for the New Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU) Training Facility (Alternatives 1, 2, 3, 4, and No-Action), NPTU Substation (Alternatives 1, 2, and No-Action), and Old Tom Road causeway (Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and No-Action). All other Proposed Actions are evaluated on the basis of the Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and the No-Action Alternative.

In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11990 *Protection of Wetlands*, EO 11988, *Floodplain Management*, and Code of Federal Regulations Title 32 Part 989, a FONPA must accompany the FONSI stating why there are no practicable alternatives to development within or affecting wetland and floodplain areas. The proposed New NPTU Training Facility, Old Tom Road Causeway, and both Laser Test Ranges are located in wetland and floodplain areas.

The Final EA provides an assessment of potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action and alternatives. The analysis led the USAF to conclude that the proposed action can be achieved without significant environmental impacts, and therefore, a FONSI is warranted. The Final EA and FONSI/FONPA can be viewed at the Dorchester Road Regional Library located at 6325 Dorchester Rd., North Charleston, SC 29418, and at the JBC Weapons Station Library at 2316 Red Bank Rd. Bldg. 732, Goose Creek, SC 29445 until April 18, 2024, and are available online at <https://www.jbcharleston.jb.mil/Library/>.