



Notice of availability for Review And Comment

Environmental Assessment Air Force Memorial, Naval Annex Site Arlington County, Virginia

The Department of Defense (DoD) Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) announces that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Air Force Memorial is available for public review and comment until April 30, 2003. The Memorial is planned for the Naval Annex Site, Columbia Pike and Southgate Road, near the Pentagon in Arlington, VA. The Naval Annex is also known as the Navy Annex, Arlington Annex, and Federal Office Building No. 2 (FOB2).

The EA documents an evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed Memorial in accord with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA, 42 U.S. Code 4321 to 4370b), Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) implementing regulations (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500-1508), and DoD Instruction 4715.9, Environmental Planning and Analysis. The EA identifies the proposed action, purpose and need for the project, project alternatives, affected environment, environmental consequences, and proposed mitigation measures. Environmental consequences examined include potential impacts on socio-economic conditions, cultural and visual resources, transportation systems, physical and biological resources, utilities and infrastructure, and cumulative impacts.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation (AFMF) proposes to establish the Air Force Memorial on three acres of the Naval Annex Site, as authorized by Congress, to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. Air Force and its predecessors. The main element of the Memorial would be three curving vertical spires, from 200 to 270 feet high, that symbolize Air Force core values, people, and key mission ingredients. At the base of the spires, complementary elements would include an Honor Guard Sculpture, Contemplation Chamber, Air Force Members Chamber, seating area, pedestrian walkways, and parking area. The proposed action, as directed by Congress, requires demolition of Wing 8 of FOB2.

The EA is available on the Internet at <http://www.dtic.mil/ref/Safety/index.htm> and www.airforcememorial.org and in paper copy at the following libraries:

- Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201
- Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St., Arlington, VA 22202
- Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr., Arlington, VA 22204
- Shirlington Library, 2786 S. Arlington Mill Dr., Arlington, VA 22206

For those with access or escort, copies are also available in the FOB2 Building Managers Office, Room 1030, and in the Pentagon Library Reference Center on the Pentagon Concourse.

To request a copy of the EA or provide comments, contact Dr. Brian Higgins for a copy at 703-697-5066, bhiggins@ref.whs.mil, or WHS Real Estate and Facilities Directorate, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B200, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. You may also download the EA from the websites.

Comments are invited and must be e-mailed or postmarked on or before April 30, 2003.

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