

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
For Laurelwood Housing Area**

Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, NJ

The U.S. Navy prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on November 28, 2008, which evaluates the potential environmental consequences of providing access between the Laurelwood housing area at Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, NJ, and an adjacent state primary or secondary road. The DEIS has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A public hearing will be held to provide information and receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. A preferred alternative has not been selected or identified in the DEIS. The Navy seeks comments from the public or interested parties regarding the sufficiency of the DEIS and the choice of alternatives. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing. The hearing will be preceded by an open house session to allow interested individuals to review information presented in the DEIS. Navy representatives will be available during the open house session to provide clarification as necessary related to the DEIS. The public information session will occur from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. followed by the formal public hearing from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be an area where the public can provide written comments. Comments may also be submitted via the project website (<http://www.laurelwoodeis.com>). Each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Written and oral comments will carry equal weight and will be responded to in the Final EIS. All written comments postmarked or submitted to the project website by January 12, 2009, will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the Final EIS.

Event: NWS Earle Public Hearing **Date:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008 **Time:** 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm **Place:** Monmouth Regional High School Performing Arts Center, One Norman J. Field Way, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. Comments must be received by January 12, 2009.

Comments can be mailed to: NAVFAC Atlantic, Code EV21 Laurelwood PM, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, LRA Building A, Norfolk, VA 23508.

Project information including the DEIS is available to the public on the internet at <http://www.laurelwoodeis.com> and at the following locations: Monmouth County Library (Eastern Branch), 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702-4398, Monmouth County Library (Colts Neck), 1 Winthrop Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722-2225 and Tinton Falls Public Library, 664 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.