

## **NOTICE OF RECORD OF DECISION**

### **For Laurelwood Housing Area Access Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, NJ**

The Department of the Navy, after carefully weighing the operational and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to provide unimpeded access to the Laurelwood housing area located at Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey, as required by its agreement with the developer of the Laurelwood housing area. Unimpeded access will be obtained through implementing Alternative Alignment 4, which will access NWS Earle via a new entrance south of the main gate along New Jersey Route 34 and terminate at the Laurelwood housing area. This will require the issuance of an easement to the Laurelwood developer over the path of the access road. The project will also involve the construction of the access road, construction of a bridge over Esperance Road, and installation of perimeter fencing. The Laurelwood housing area will be physically separate from the rest of the base. All practical means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the selected alternative have been adopted.

The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) is available for public viewing on the project Web site at <http://www.laurelwoodeis.com>, along with copies of the Final EIS and supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by contacting Laurelwood EIS Project Manager, NAVFAC Atlantic, Code EV21 KGB, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, LRA Building A, Norfolk, VA 23508.