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Mr. J. Rodney Little  
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Maryland Historical Trust, Division of Historical and Cultural Programs  
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Subj: SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA),  
DETERMINATION OF "NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED" FOR THE  
VIRGINIA CAPES RANGE COMPLEX TRAINING OPERATIONS MD

Dear Mr. Little:

The Navy is preparing a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts over a 10-year planning horizon associated with Navy Atlantic Fleet training; research, development, testing, and evaluation activities; and associated range capabilities enhancements (including infrastructure improvements) in the Virginia Capes Range Complex. The western boundary of the Virginia Capes Range Complex is 3 nautical miles offshore. Proposed training operations will not occur within state jurisdictional waters.

For your review, the following attachments are enclosed: Chapter 2 of the EIS/OEIS "Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives" and Chapter 3, Section 3.12 "Cultural Resources." Chapter 2 provides a description of the proposed training operations and their associated locations. Section 3.12 provides an assessment of the impacts to cultural resources as a result of the proposed training operations in the VACAPES OPAREA.

The EIS/OEIS identifies five areas within the Virginia Capes Range Complex where proposed training operations have the potential to impact submerged cultural resources. These areas (Instrumented Training Area-North and South, Warning Areas 50A, 50B, and 50C) are not located in Maryland state waters.

The Navy has made the determination of no historic properties affected by the proposed operation of training activities within the jurisdictional waters of Maryland. We request that within 30 days you provide your views and comments on our finding of no historic properties


The Maryland Historical Trust has determined  
that this undertaking will have no adverse effect  
on historic properties.  
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affected. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Koussis at (757) 322-8155 or Bruce Larson at (757) 322-4885.

Sincerely,



C. W. WALKER, P.E.

Head, Environmental Planning Branch  
Environmental Business Line

Attachments:

- (A) Chapter 2 - Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives
- (B) Chapter 3.12 – Cultural Resources

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