VII. Agencies and People Consulted

7.1 Public Information Workshop

Notice of a public information workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, was advertised in The Washington Post on January 13 and January 14, 2010; a copy of the notice and proof of the advertisement order is provided in Appendix B, “Agency Consultation and Public Coordination.” Notice of the workshop was also posted on the Airport web site (http://www.mwaa.com/news_publications/newsroom/public_notices). The workshop was held at the historic Main Terminal adjacent to Terminal A at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from the Authority and the study team were available to explain the scoping process, the FAA’s Runway Safety Area Program, the environmental resources that may be affected by the Proposed Action, and the estimated timeframe for completing the EA and implementing the Proposed Action. The presentation boards used to explain the scoping process, the FAA’s RSA program, and the Authority’s preferred alternative were available on the Airport web site.¹ Two members of the public and one representative of the Virginia Department of Aviation attended the workshop. Of these, one member of the public submitted written comments in a letter dated March 3, 2010. A copy of that letter is provided in Appendix B.

As reported in Sections 4.3.3, 5.2.2.1, 5.2.2.2, 5.2.3.1 and 5.2.3.2, there are no minority or low-income populations as defined by Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Department of Transportation Order 5610.2, Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations within the DNL 65 under the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives. Similarly, there are no children populations as defined by Executive Order13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks within the DNL 65 contour under the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives.

7.2 Agency Scoping Meeting

The Authority invited the agencies listed below, by letter dated January 13, 2010, to an agency scoping meeting at 10:30 a.m. on February 18, 2010, at the West Building of the Airport. A copy of the invitation letter is provided in Appendix B.


- **Commonwealth of Virginia:** Office of Environmental Impact Review and Department of Environmental Quality.

¹ The presentation boards used to explain the scoping process, the FAA’s RSA program, and the Authority’s preferred alternative are available online at: http://www.mwaa.com/_/File/_/pn2008_07_30_exhibits.pdf.
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

- **Local:** Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning; Metropolitan Washington Airlines Committee; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; National Capital Planning Commission; Northern Virginia Regional Commission; the Mayor of Washington, D.C.; the Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia; District Department of the Environment, Natural Resources Administration; District State Historic Preservation Office; District Department of Health; District Office of Planning; County Executive of Prince George’s County; County Manager of Arlington County.

Representatives of the FAA and the NPS participated in the meeting.

The agency scoping meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation detailing the FAA’s Runway Safety Area Program, the NEPA process, the Proposed Action, and the environmental resources located within the study area that could be affected by the Proposed Action. Representatives of the Authority and the study team responded to questions. Minutes from the agency scoping meeting are provided in Appendix B.

7.3 Scoping Comments

The public and relevant agencies were offered the opportunity to provide additional written comments by mail or email. Copies of all public and agency comments received during the comment period are provided in Appendix B. The public and agency comments are organized separately in order of the dates on which they were received.

7.4 Other Consultation

During the course of preparing this EA, the following agencies and individuals were consulted.

**Federal Agencies**

- Federal Aviation Administration
  - Chris Osburn, Washington Airports District Office
  - Chad Carper, Washington Airports District Office
- National Marine Fisheries Service
  - John Nichols
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  - Julie Crocker
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Robert Zepp
- U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
  - Ben Helwig
  - Dottie P. Marshall
  - Stephen Potter
  - Georgeann Smale
  - Matt Virta
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - Kathy Anderson, Baltimore District
  - Theresita M. Crockett-Augustine, Norfolk District
  - Steve Harman, Baltimore District
Virginia Agencies
- Department of Aviation
  - Rusty Harrington
- Department of Environmental Quality
  - Trisha Beasley
  - John Cheatham
  - Ellie Irons
  - Paul Kohler
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
  - Sandra J. Adams
- Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Natural Heritage
  - Alii Baird
- Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia District Planning
  - Melanie L. Allen
- Marine Resources Commission
  - Elizabeth G. Murphy

Local Agencies
- Fairfax County, Department of Planning and Zoning
  - John R. Bell
- District of Columbia
  - Adrian Fenty, Mayor
- D.C. Department of the Environment
  - Collin Burrell
  - Bryan King
  - Damien Ossi (Fisheries Research Branch)
  - Lindsay Rohrbaugh (Fisheries Research Branch)
  - Daniel Ryan (Fisheries Research Branch)
- D.C. State Historic Preservation Office
  - Andrew Lewis
- D.C. Office of Planning
  - Harriet Tregoning
  - David Maloney
- Northern Virginia Regional Commission
  - Samantha Kinzer

Other Parties Consulted
- Joe Antonovich, Antonovich Associates
- Andrew Abdale, Resident
- Kenneth Wire, McGuireWoods

7.5 Review of Draft Environmental Assessment
The Draft EA was made available for public review and comment pursuant to a public notice placed in The Washington Post on December 1-2, 2010 and on the Authority’s website (http://www.mwaa.com.htm). A copy of the notice is included in Appendix J, Attachment J-1.
Beginning December 3, 2010, the Draft EA was made available for public review during business hours at the following locations:

- Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201
- Aurora Hills Branch Library, 735 S. 18th St, Arlington, VA, 22202
- Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office, 23723 Air Freight Lane, Suite 210, Dulles, Virginia, 20166
- The Authority’s website (http://www.mwaa.com/303.htm)

Copies of the Draft EA were provided directly to:

- Federal Agencies
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
  - National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and Protected Resources Division
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore and Norfolk Districts
  - U.S. Coast Guard
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Field Offices
- Virginia Agencies
  - Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review (25 copies for distribution to Virginia agencies)
  - Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy
- Local Agencies
  - City of Alexandria
  - Arlington County
  - District of Columbia
- Other Recipients
  - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
  - National Capital Planning Commission
  - Metropolitan Washington Airlines Committee

Notice of a public review workshop to be held on January 5, 2011 was advertised in The Washington Post on December 1-2, 2010; a copy of the notice is included in Appendix J, Attachment J-1. Notice of the workshop was also posted on the Authority’s website (http://www.mwaa.com). The agencies were invited to the agency information meeting at the Airport by email dated December 21, 2010. The email to the agencies is provided in Appendix J, Attachment J-2. The workshop was held at the Historic Main Terminal adjacent to Terminal A at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Representatives of the Authority and its study team were available to explain the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) process, the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA’s) Runway Safety Area (RSA) Program, the environmental resources that may be affected by the Authority’s Proposed Action, and the estimated timeframe for completing the environmental assessment (EA) and for implementing the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is described in detail in Section 2.3 of the EA.

A representative of the City of Alexandria and four members of the public attended the workshop but did not submit any comments at the workshop. Written comments, however, were received during
the initial review period (December 3, 2010 through January 21, 2011) and the extended review period (January 22, 2011 through March 7, 2011).  

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for coordinating Virginia’s review of Federal environmental documents and responding to appropriate Federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth. VDEQ is also responsible for coordinating the Commonwealth of Virginia’s review of Federal Consistency Certifications submitted pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act and providing the state’s response. Therefore, this EA will respond to VDEQ’s comments submitted on behalf of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Virginia Department of Aviation, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

Table VII-1 is a consolidated list of the written correspondence to the Authority pertaining to the Draft EA. The correspondence is included in Appendix J, Attachment J-4. The Authority’s responses to the comments are included in Appendix J.

### Table VII-1

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**Notes:**

1/ This letter was the only correspondence received during the extended comment period that ran from January 22, 2011 through March 7, 2011.

Source: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, correspondence received on the Draft EA between December 3, 2010 through March 7, 2011.


The Authority extended the review period in response to comments received from the City of Alexandria, Potomac Yard Development LLC and MRP Realty.