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## **Navy Cancels Environmental Impact Statement for Outlying Landing Field**

The Navy has decided to cancel the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) in northeastern North Carolina or southeastern Virginia. The Navy previously suspended the OLF DEIS in January of 2011 pending better defined East Coast Navy Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) home basing and training requirements. At present, East Coast JSF home basing EIS will begin no earlier than 2017, rather than 2014 as was announced in 2011.

The decision to cancel the suspended EIS does not address the future requirement for an additional Navy East Coast OLF. Navy Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress remains the single, local Navy OLF for Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) for all fixed-wing, carrier air wing aircraft operating from Naval Air Station Oceana and Naval Station Norfolk Chambers Field.

When the Navy determines the East Coast JSF home basing and training requirements, the need for an additional OLF will be determined. If the decision is made at some future date to pursue an additional OLF in conjunction with the East Coast JSF home basing, a new siting study would also have to be conducted. It is unknown at this time whether any (or all) of the five sites being considered in the canceled EIS would be considered in a future EIS.

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