

## 7. Agencies and People Consulted

### 7.1 Agency Scoping Meeting

The Authority invited the agencies listed below, by letter dated April 10, 2015, to an agency scoping meeting on April 29, 2015, at the Authority's COB at DCA. A copy of the invitation letter is provided in **Appendix B**, Attachment B-1.

- **Federal:** Federal Aviation Administration Eastern Region Office, Washington Airports District Office, and Airport Traffic Control Tower; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District, Northern Virginia Field Office; U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Capital Region; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Habitat Conservation Division, Coastal Response Research Center; U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Field Office; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, East Region; the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
- **Commonwealth of Virginia:** Department of Environmental Quality and its Office of Environmental Impact Review and Northern Field Office; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Virginia Department of Aviation; Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Bureau of Wildlife Resources; Virginia Department of Historic Resources, State Historic Preservation Office; Virginia Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.
- **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 and its Natural Resources Administration, Toxic Substance Division, Air Quality Division, Fisheries and Wildlife Division, and Water Quality Division; County Executive of Prince George's County; County Executive of Fairfax County; County Manager of Arlington County.

Representatives of the four agencies listed below participated in the agency scoping meeting:

- Federal Aviation Administration
  - Eastern Region
  - Washington Airports District Office

- National Capital Planning Commission
- District Department of the Environment, Water Quality Division
- Arlington County, County Manager's Office

The agency scoping meeting consisted of a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Proposed Action, the EA process, and the environmental resources located within the LOPD that could be affected by the Proposed Action. Representatives of the Authority and its EA consultant team responded to questions. The PowerPoint presentation is provided in Appendix B, Attachment B-2.

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## 7.2 Public Information Workshop

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Notice of a public information workshop (the Workshop), held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, was advertised in *The Washington Post* on April 22 and April 23, 2015; a copy of the notice and proof of the advertisement order is provided in Appendix B, Attachment B-3. Notice of the Workshop was also posted on the Authority's website ([http://www.mwaa.com/news\\_publications/newsroom/public\\_notices](http://www.mwaa.com/news_publications/newsroom/public_notices)).

The Workshop was held at the historic Main Terminal adjacent to Terminal A at DCA from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Representatives from the Authority and the Authority's EA consultant team preparing this EA were available to answer questions throughout the Workshop, and graphics were on display illustrating the Airport, the preliminary purpose and need for the proposed improvements, alternatives considered, the Authority's preferred alternative based on previous studies, the EA and scoping processes, and the potential schedules for completion of the EA process and implementation of the preferred alternative. The display boards used at the Workshop contained the same information that was included in the PowerPoint slide presentation for the agencies, which is provided in Appendix B, Attachment B-2.

One representative each from American Airlines, the Metropolitan Washington Airlines Committee, Travelers Aid International, and Teresa Pineda Davidson Consulting, LLC attended the Workshop.

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## 7.3 Scoping Comments

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The public and relevant agencies were offered the opportunity to provide verbal and written comments.

The minutes of the agency scoping meeting are included in Appendix B, Attachment B-4. Written comments were received from the agencies included in **Table 7-1**. Copies of the agency letters are provided in Appendix B, Attachment B-5.

**Table 7-1: Written Comments Received from Agencies**

COMMENTER	TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE	DATE
Conrad T. Spangler, III, Director, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Commonwealth of Virginia	Letter	4/23/2015
Bettina Sullivan, Program Manager, Environmental Impact Review and Long-Range Priorities, Department of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth of Virginia	Letter	4/28/2015
Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Commonwealth of Virginia	Letter	4/29/2015
Daniel Burnstein, Regional Enforcement Specialist, Senior II, Department of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth of Virginia	Email	4/30/2015
Mary L. Searing, Chief, Planning and Permitting Branch, Water Quality Division, District Department of the Environment, Government of the District of Columbia	Email	5/11/2015
Marc Holma, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia	Email	5/11/2015
Daniel Moore, Principal Environmental Planner, Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review, Commonwealth of Virginia	Letter	5/12/2015
Alli Baird, Coastal Zone Locality Liaison, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Commonwealth of Virginia	Letter	5/22/2015
Barbara Rudnick, NEPA Team Leader, Office of Environmental Programs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Letter	6/12/2015
Edward L. Long, County Executive, County of Fairfax, Virginia	Letter	6/15/2015

SOURCE: Ricondo & Associates, Inc., August 2015.

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No written comments were received from the public. None of the attendees at the scoping workshop verbally identified significant environmental issues deserving of study. On July 13, 2015 a member of the public requested, by email, copies of the scoping workshop presentation boards; copies were provided to that person by email on July 17, 2015.

## 7.4 Other Consultation

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

- Federal Aviation Administration, Washington Airports District Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources, acting on behalf of the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance
- Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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## 7.5 Review of Draft Environmental Assessment

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The Draft EA was made available for public review and comment pursuant to a public notice placed in *The Washington Post* on July 1, 2016 and on the Authority's website (<http://www.mwaa.com/about/public-notice-july-1-2016>). A copy of the notice is included in **Appendix G, Attachment G-1**.

Beginning July 1, 2016, 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

Copies of the Draft EA were provided directly to the following agencies. The agency mailing list and an example of the agency letter are included in **Appendix G, Attachment G-2**.

- Federal Agencies
  - Federal Aviation Administration
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
  - National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
  - U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, George Washington Memorial Parkway Headquarters
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia and Chesapeake Bay Field Offices
- Virginia Agencies
  - Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review (Hard copy and 2 CDs)
  - Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
  - Virginia Department of Aviation
  - Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
  - Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia State Historic Preservation Office
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Division
- Virginia Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia District Office
  
- Local Agencies
  - City of Alexandria, Virginia
  - Arlington County, Virginia
  - Fairfax County, Virginia
  - Prince Georges County, Maryland
  - 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 July 28, 2016 was included in the public notice in *The Washington Post* (see Appendix G, Attachment G-1). Notice of the workshop was also posted on the Authority's website (<http://www.mwaa.com/about/public-notice-july-1-2016>). 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 NEPA process, the environmental resources that may be affected by the Authority's Proposed Action, and the estimated timeframe for completing the EA and for implementing the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is described in detail in Section 2.4 of the EA.

One local resident attended the public review workshop. The sign-in sheet and the material provided at the public review workshop are included in **Appendix G, Attachment G-3**.

**Table 7-2** is a consolidated list of the written correspondence to the Authority pertaining to the Draft EA. The correspondence is included in **Appendix G, Attachment G-4**. The Authority's responses to the comments are included in Attachment G-4.

**Table 7-2: Comments Received on the Draft EA**

COMMENTER	TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE	DOCUMENT ID	DATE
<b>Comments Received from Federal Agencies</b>			
Jennifer Stanhope, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Email	AF-1	8/1/2016
Diane Sullivan, Director, Urban Design and Plan Review, National Capital Planning Commission	Letter (via email)	AF-2	8/4/2016
<b>Comments Received from State Agencies</b>			
Alli Baird, Coastal Zone Locality Liaison, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Conservation and Recreation	Letter (via email)	AS-1	7/29/2016
Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Letter (via email)	AS-2	8/3/2016
Marc Holma, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Historic Resources	Email	AS-3	8/9/2016
Bettina Sullivan, Program Manager Environmental Impact Review and Long-Range Priorities, Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality	Letter (via email)	AS-4	9/15/16
<b>Comments Received from Local Agencies</b>			
Marianne R. Gardner, Director, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning, County of Fairfax, Virginia	Letter	AL-1	7/28/2016
Mary L. Searing, Chief, Planning and Permitting Branch, Department of Energy & Environment, Government of the District of Columbia	Memo (via email)	AL-2	8/3/2016

Source: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, correspondence received on the Draft EA between July 29, 2016 and September 16, 2016.  
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