

## Attachment 2



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Energy Facility Siting Council  
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Dear Mrs. Crawford:

SUBJECT: OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RULEMAKING TO NOTIFY THE  
NORTHWEST DOD REGIONAL COORDINATION TEAM

Dear Energy Facility Siting Council,

On behalf of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and the Northwest Training Range Complex, I offer my support for the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) rulemaking to facilitate a viable notification process to the NW Department of Defense Regional Coordination Team (NW DoD RCT) to assist with the prevention of siting energy projects where they could adversely affect the military's testing, training, and military operations.

The mission of the Northwest Training Range Complex is to provide a realistic safe training environment to accomplish live training and tactics development in training areas and evolve with new and established training requirements. The Northwest Training Range Complex serves as the primary range for surface, submarine, aviation and explosive ordnance disposal units located at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Naval Station Everett, and Naval Base Kitsap.

National security interests and competing uses of resources are continually emerging and have the potential to impact DoD operational equities at sea and ashore. Being prepared to analyze, advocate and protect critical DoD interests at the local, regional, and national levels is critical. Implementing the rulemaking to facilitate notification of proposed projects near various testing, training, and operating areas supports an already existing ad hoc process with the ODOE staff while providing an opportunity to address any potential concerns before the project is permitted.

Thank you and your staff for your continued support in protecting the Navy's critical training environment. We value the ongoing collaboration with the ODOE staff and the ability

to ensure viability of a successful coordination process. My point of contact for this project is:  
Ms. Kimberly Peacher, cell (360) 930-4085 or email [Kimberly.peacher@navy.mil](mailto:Kimberly.peacher@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Gammache', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NATHAN. J. GAMMACHE  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer  
Naval Air Station Whidbey Island