

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for
Utility Heat System Replacement at Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, Maryland**

The US Coast Guard announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for replacement of the utility heat system at Coast Guard Yard, Baltimore, Maryland, and requests public comments.

CG Yard is the only Coast Guard facility dedicated to the maintenance and repair of Coast Guard cutters and is essential in supporting fleet operations. Activities are dependent on the steam infrastructure, which includes boilers and an underground steam distribution system, for heat. The system is in poor condition, and interruptions in the system are negatively impacting CG Yard operations. The Coast Guard is proposing to replace the current system with a new centralized system, or remove the centralized system and install decentralized heating equipment, or a combination thereof. The Draft EA evaluates the environmental and socioeconomic effects of these three alternatives and concludes that with implementation of standard best management practices there would be no significant adverse impacts on the natural or human environment.

The Draft EA will undergo a 30-day public comment period. The Draft EA may be reviewed at the following locations: Anne Arundel County Public Library-Brooklyn Park Community Branch, 1 East 11th Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225; and Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. An electronic copy of the Draft EA may be obtained at: <https://www.empsi.com/projects-coastguardheatsystemeaa>.

Comments on the Draft EA may be submitted via mail or email to: Ms. Amy Cordle, EMPSi, 12154 Darnestown Road #344, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 or amy.cordle@empsi.com. The deadline for submitting comments is 30 days from the publication of this notice.

