

**US COAST GUARD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
ARCTIC SHIELD 2017**

<p>This Coast Guard environmental assessment (EA) was prepared in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures and Policy for Considering Environmental Impacts, COMDTINST M16475.1 (series) and is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 to 4370h) and the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations dated 28 November 1978 (40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508).</p> <p>This EA serves as a concise public document to briefly provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining the need to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). This EA concisely describes the proposed action, the need for the proposal, the alternatives, and the environmental impacts of the proposal and alternatives. This EA also contains a comparative analysis of the action and alternatives, a statement of the environmental significance of the preferred alternative, and a list of the agencies and persons consulted during EA preparation.</p>			
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I reviewed the EA and submitted my written comments to the Proponent.			
Date	RAVEN J. SMITH Environmental Reviewer	Environmental Specialist CEU Juneau	Interim Warrant Level
I reviewed the EA and submitted my written comments to the Proponent.			
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Date	CHRISTOPHER COUTU, CDR Legal Reviewer	D17 Legal	
In reaching my decision/recommendation on the Coast Guard's proposed action, I considered the information contained in this EA and considered and acknowledged the written comments submitted to me from the Environmental and Legal Reviewers.			
Date	MICHAEL MCALLISTER, RADM Proponent	Commanding Officer USCG District 17	

