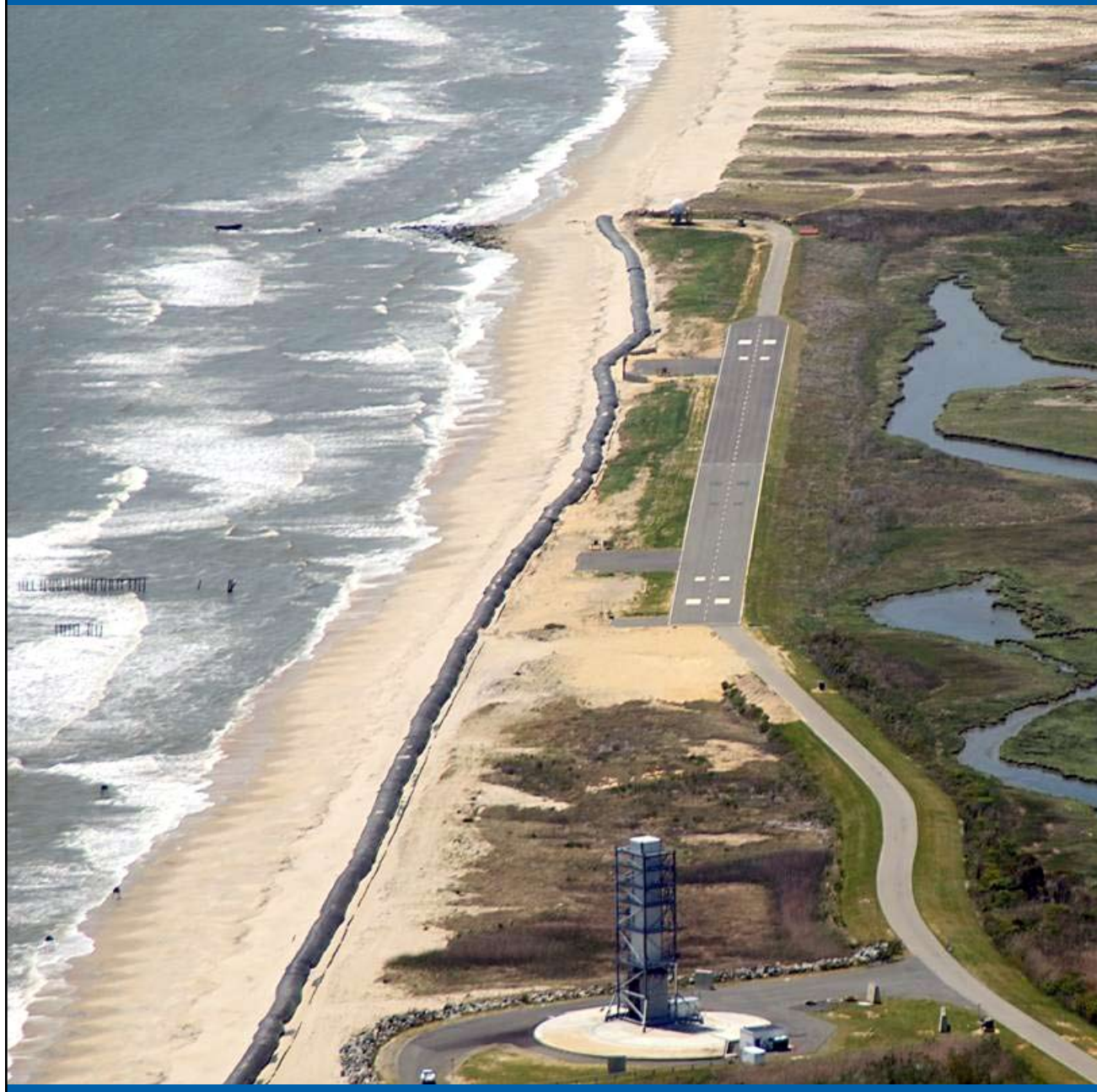


NEPA Process



“There shall be an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action.”

– National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

The **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)** established a national policy to protect the environment by requiring Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on the human environment prior to implementing the action and to give the public the opportunity to participate in the planning process.

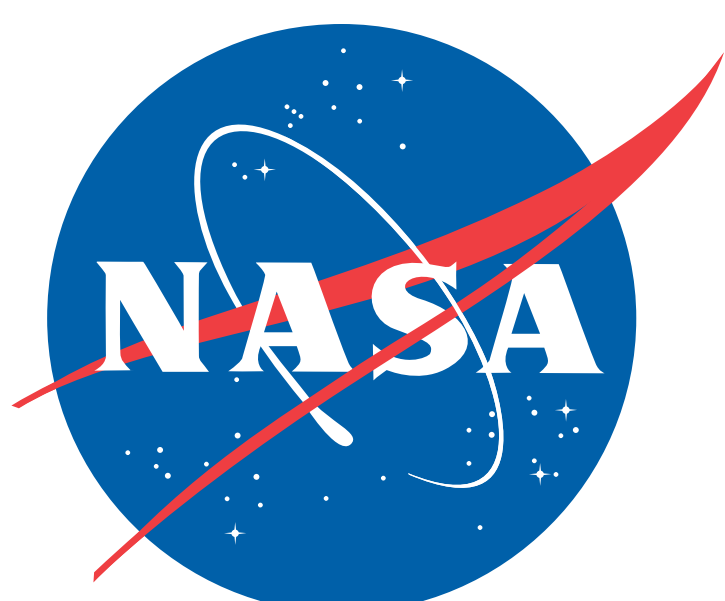
Scoping meetings give the public an early opportunity to comment and provide input on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Wallops Flight Facility’s Shoreline Restoration and Infrastructure Protection Program.

NASA has identified the need to replenish the shoreline at its Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, Virginia to protect important assets that are in danger of being compromised as a result of severe shoreline erosion. NASA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are currently investigating various engineering alternatives for this project which may include beach replenishment and the construction of onshore and offshore hard structures.

NASA will provide several opportunities for public involvement as this project is developed. Stakeholders and the general public will be engaged throughout this process. Stakeholders include Federal, state, and local governments; business interests; landowners; residents; and environmental organizations.

For additional information on public input opportunities, please visit the program’s EIS web site at:

http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/code250/shoreline_eis.html.



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