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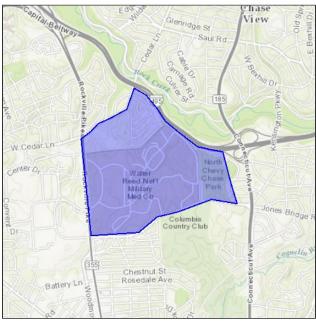
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LOCATION

Montgomery County, Maryland

DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering renewal of Facility Operating License No. R-84, held by the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) for the continued operation of its Training, Research, Isotope



Production, General Atomics (TRIGA) research reactor. The proposed action would renew the TRIGA operating license for a period of 20 years from the date of issuance.

IPAC LINK

https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/project/ IXENS-6UMRV-HK3JV-W567A-KSR4MY

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Contact Information

Trust resources in this location are managed by:

Chesapeake Bay Ecological Services Field Office

177 Admiral Cochrane Drive Annapolis, MD 21401-7307 (410) 573-4599

Endangered Species

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species are managed by the <u>Endangered Species Program</u> of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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<u>Section 7</u> of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can only be obtained by requesting an official species list either from the Regulatory Documents section in IPaC or from the local field office directly.

There are no endangered species in this location

Critical Habitats There are no critical habitats in this location

Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the <u>Migratory Bird Treaty Act</u> and the <u>Bald and Golden Eagle</u> <u>Protection Act</u>.

Any activity that results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.^[1] There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures.

1. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/</u> <u>birds-of-conservation-concern.php</u>
- Conservation measures for birds <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/</u> <u>conservation-measures.php</u>
- Year-round bird occurrence data <u>http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp</u>

The following species of migratory birds could potentially be affected by activities in this location:

American Oystercatcher Haematopus palliatus Season: Year-round http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G8	Bird of conservation concern
American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus Season: Wintering http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F3	Bird of conservation concern
Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus Season: Year-round http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B008	Bird of conservation concern
Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HI	Bird of conservation concern

Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B091	
Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca Season: Wintering	Bird of conservation concern
Golden-winged Warbler Vermivora chrysoptera Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G4	
Kentucky Warbler Oporornis formosus Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis	
Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B092	
Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Wintering http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FU	
Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Purple Sandpiper Calidris maritima Season: Wintering	Bird of conservation concern
Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Year-round Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus Season: Wintering	Bird of conservation concern
Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Wintering http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD	
Snowy Egret Egretta thula Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern
Willow Flycatcher Empidonax traillii	Bird of conservation concern
Season: Breeding http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F6	
Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina Season: Breeding	Bird of conservation concern

Worm Eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorum

Season: Breeding

Bird of conservation concern

Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

There are no refuges or fish hatcheries in this location

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army</u> <u>Corps of Engineers District</u>.

DATA LIMITATIONS

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

DATA PRECAUTIONS

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Wetland data is unavailable at this time.