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Availability of Statement of Findings for Floodplains and Wetlands for the Proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

Alexandria, Va. -The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public comment on a Statement of Findings (SOF) for floodplains and wetlands that analyzes the impacts of the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and adjacent Greens Scenic Area easement. The draft SOF is being released in conjunction with the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station project. This SOF is prepared to assess the effects on NPS floodplains and wetlands caused by building the Metrorail station, provides a justification for use of the floodplain and wetlands, and summarizes impacts, mitigation, and compensation activities. The SOF complies with Executive Orders 11988, 11990 and 13690, and associated NPS policies and procedures, which govern protection of wetlands and management of floodplains.

How to Comment:

Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments **no later than July 11, 2016**, via online submission through the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gwmp>.

PEPC is used by the agency to manage official correspondence and analyze public comments during the planning process. Comments received during the public comment period will be used to help evaluate issues and concerns to be further addressed in the environmental review process.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to the address below:

Potomac Yard Metrorail Station EIS
P.O. Box 16531
Alexandria, VA 22302
Attention: NPS Statement of Findings

Comments must be entered into the PEPC website or postmarked by **July 11, 2016**, to receive consideration. Please be aware that the entire comment submitted – including personal

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identifying information such as address, phone number, e-mail address – may be made publicly available. Requests to withhold such personal identifying information from public release will be considered, but there is no guarantee that they will be withheld.

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