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Navy Will Conduct FCLP Demonstration at Wallops Flight Facility

In response to a request from the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, the Navy will conduct a Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) demonstration using E-2 Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound aircraft at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) during the week of December 17-21. The demonstration will begin sometime between 3-4 p.m., and conclude about three hours later. The Navy will determine the specific date to conduct the flight demonstration during this window based on operational and training requirements, aircraft availability and forecasted and observed weather conditions.

In September, the Navy released a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental effects that could result from the Navy's proposal to conduct regular, scheduled E-2 and C-2 FCLP operations at either Emporia-Greenville Regional Airport or WFF. Under the proposal, these aircraft would conduct up to 20,000 FCLP passes annually at the selected field. These twin-engine, turboprop aircraft are considerably quieter than jet aircraft. The Navy expects to complete the EA in January and announce a decision shortly thereafter.

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