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From: [redacted] CIV NAVFAC NW,
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 10:16 AM
To: [redacted] CIV NAVFAC NW,
Subject: RE: Walking on beach and surveillance activities for NSW CATEX

The attached is the CATEX FY16 presentation that was given by the proponent. From that, they have taken 8 training sites to do a CATEX. The second is what was identified as the EA. What is the difference between the two?

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From: [redacted] CIV NAVFAC NW,
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 9:55 AM
To: [redacted] CIV NAVFAC NW,
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This doesn't 'smell' right. She admits in her second paragraph that this is part of a larger project and that the CATEX is an interim measure until the EA is written to cover all of the undertaking.

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I haven't been involved in NWT, but Dave indicated that Navy Special Warfare Training was addressed in that EIS and that the present EA is covering the proposed expansion of the training. If this is the case, then why are they even doing a CATEX for the discrete training exercise?

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Subject: RE: Walking on beach and surveillance activities for NSW CATEX
Importance: High

To address the portion of your email about CATEX versus EA, this is not a piece of a larger action that we are trying to apply multiple CATEXs to, which is what your 5090 quote refers to. We are planning a more programmatic look at SPECWAR

training in the NW as they are wanting to increase their training activities within our AOR. The broader look does indeed require an EA, as it will cover multiple training activities at various sites for a certain period of time, along with associated consultations.

This CATEX and the one we did in 2015 are covering a discrete training exercise evolution, with limited locations and activities, with a defined start and end date to allow some level of NEPA coverage for these activities in the short term until we can complete the larger scale EA. This is a common approach to operational NEPA projects for evolving training and/or testing activities. This approach has been run by our various legal counsels, and has been briefed through up to the Admiral as our recommended NEPA approach.

Any further NEPA questions, please let me know. Thank you, v/r - Amy

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