

**ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
NEW VEHICLE GATES**
Camp Springs, Prince Georges County, Maryland,

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

October 31, 2003

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for new vehicle gates at Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, Prince Georges County, Maryland, as shown on NCPC Map File No. 3207.00(38.00) 41249.

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The Department of the Navy (Navy) has submitted a proposal to improve and reconfigure three of the eight entrance gates to Andrews Air Force Base (AFB). These three gate areas would be reconstructed to provide increased capacity, allow for the installation of enhanced security systems and technologies, and to improve traffic circulation at those entrances. The gates affected are the Main Gate at Allentown Road and Westover Drive, the Virginia Avenue Gate at Old Alexandria Ferry Road and Virginia Avenue, and the Pearl Harbor Gate at Dower House Road and Pearl Harbor Drive. The Main Gate area would be restructured to provide an internal road that would increase capacity, a new Visitors' Center with associated parking, a random vehicle inspection area, and an identification check area with a new guardhouse. The Virginia Avenue Gate area would be modified to include a random vehicle inspection area and an identification check area with a new guardhouse. Finally, the Pearl Harbor Gate area would be devoted to checking commercial vehicles and include a commercial vehicle inspection area and gatehouse. All of the affected entrances would require realignments of the internal entry roads. The Navy has determined that the project qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion under its procedures to implement the National Environmental Policy Act. The Navy also advises that the proposed action will have no adverse effect on properties on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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