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Public input sought on proposal to install new elevated water tank on Ocracoke Island

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is seeking public input regarding a plan to relocate a water tank that is operated by the Ocracoke Sanitary District (OSD) on Ocracoke Island.

The purpose of relocating the tank is to allow for the installation of a new, larger capacity tank that will safely serve the residents and visitors on Ocracoke Island. The existing water tank holds 150,000 gallons and is 41 years old. This tank is getting close to the end of its life expectancy and OSD is planning for future water needs of the community by proposing to install a new elevated 250,000 gallon tank within the next five years.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The EA will allow the NPS to determine if a special use permit (SUP) will be issued to allow for the installation of the tank. The SUP, if issued, would specify the location and conditions for the tank installation.

The public is encouraged to attend a public meeting on Thursday, October 26 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm at the Ocracoke Community Center at 999 Irvin Garrish Hwy, Ocracoke, NC 27960.

The Seashore will be taking public comments at the meeting and online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/caha_OSDWaterTank from October 13 through November 11. Comments can also be mailed to: Superintendent, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, 1401 National Park Dr, Manteo, NC 27954.