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# **DoD Assessment of Proposed Request for Information Study Area in the Virginia Capes (VACAPES) Operating Areas (OPAREAs)**

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# Purpose

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**To report the results of the DoD assessment  
of the proposed Virginia RFI in the VACAPES  
OPAREAS**



# Methodology

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- **Categorize DoD VACAPES offshore equities and potential wind energy development using:**
  - 1. Unrestricted**
  - 2. Site Specific Stipulations**
  - 3. Wind Energy Exclusion Area**
- **DoD Operating Area (OPAREA) overlaid with the proposed RFI**
- **Extensive analysis and coordination process with Services**

# VACAPES/VCERC WIND FARM PROPOSAL – FLEET ASSESSMENT

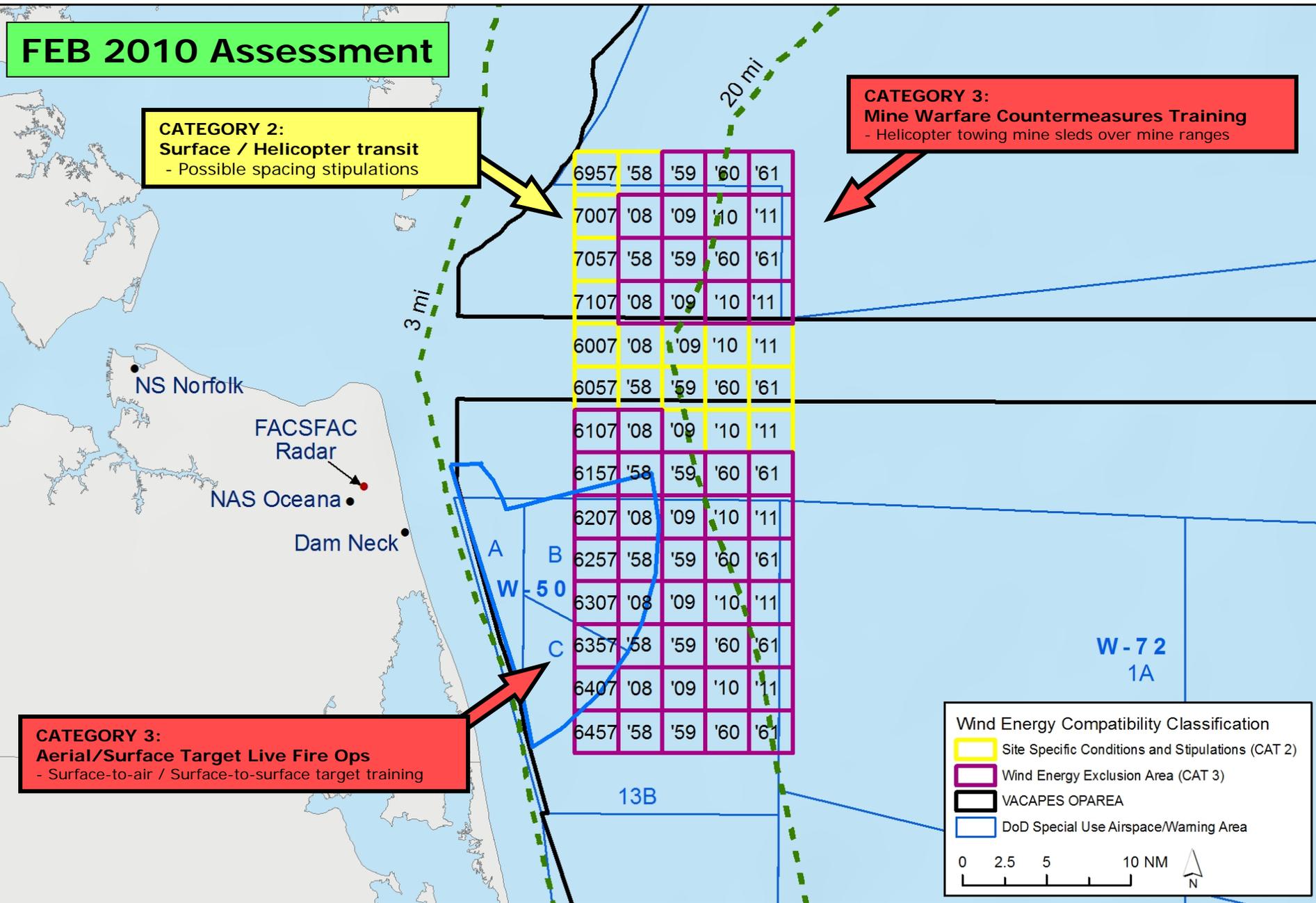
**FEB 2010 Assessment**

**CATEGORY 2:**  
**Surface / Helicopter transit**  
 - Possible spacing stipulations

**CATEGORY 3:**  
**Mine Warfare Countermeasures Training**  
 - Helicopter towing mine sleds over mine ranges

**CATEGORY 3:**  
**Aerial/Surface Target Live Fire Ops**  
 - Surface-to-air / Surface-to-surface target training

6957	'58	'59	'60	'61
7007	'08	'09	'10	'11
7057	'58	'59	'60	'61
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**Wind Energy Compatibility Classification**

- Site Specific Conditions and Stipulations (CAT 2)
- Wind Energy Exclusion Area (CAT 3)
- VACAPES OPAREA
- DoD Special Use Airspace/Warning Area

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