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NIWC Atlantic Testing Exercise on Sullivan's Island November 2026

SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, S.C. — Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Atlantic will conduct testing on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Nov. 6, Nov. 9-13 and Nov. 16-18. Daily launch times will be at approximately 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

As part of this event, a standard meteorological weather balloon measuring four feet in diameter will be launched to measure tropospheric conditions. The balloon is expected to travel eastward and safely burst over the Atlantic Ocean, where its rapid-deterioration material will break down naturally. Upon bursting, an attached parachute will deploy to ensure a slow, controlled descent. As a precautionary measure, dedicated personnel will be on-site to actively monitor the entire operation.

If members of the public see the equipment, please do not attempt to approach, touch or interfere with it.

During testing, military radio and radar frequencies **will not interfere** with other frequencies or electronic communications in the area.

This testing is part of NIWC Atlantic's routine scientific mission to enhance and train the interoperability and performance of various naval system configurations and capabilities. NIWC Atlantic routinely conducts similar activities on Sullivan's Island.

About NIWC Atlantic

Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Atlantic, formally known as SPAWAR, provides systems engineering and acquisition to deliver information warfare capabilities to the naval, joint and national warfighter through the acquisition, development, integration, production, test, deployment, and sustainment of interoperable command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, cyber and information technology capabilities.

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