

North Korea conducts successful nuclear warhead test

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Friday it conducted a "higher level" nuclear warhead test explosion, which it trumpeted as finally allowing it to build "at will" an array of stronger, smaller and lighter nuclear weapons. It is Pyongyang's fifth atomic test and the second in eight months.

South Korea's president called the detonation, which Seoul estimated had produced the North's biggest-ever explosive yield, an act of "fanatic recklessness."

The North's boast of a technologically game-changing nuclear test defies both tough international sanctions and longstanding diplomatic pressure to curb its nuclear ambitions. It will raise serious worries in many world capitals that Pyongyang has moved another step closer to its goal of a nuclear-armed missile that could one day strike the U.S. mainland.

Hours after Seoul noted unusual seismic activity near the North's northeastern nuclear test site, Pyongyang said in its state-run media that a test had "finally examined and confirmed the structure and specific features of movement of (a) nuclear warhead that has been standardized to be able to be mounted on strategic ballistic rockets."

"The standardization of the nuclear warhead will enable (North Korea) to produce at will and as many as it wants a variety of smaller, lighter and diversified nuclear warheads of higher strike power with a firm hold on the production of various fissile materials and technology for their use. This has definitely put on a higher level (the North's) technology of mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic rockets," the country said.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye strongly condemned the test, saying



Earthquake and volcano monitor Ryoo Yong-gyu points at the epicenter of seismic waves in North Korea, in Seoul, South Korea, Friday.

AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon

in a statement that it showed the "fanatic recklessness of the Kim Jong Un government as it clings to nuclear development." Kim is the North Korean leader.

Park's office said she spoke with U.S. President Barack Obama about the test Friday morning, during a regional sum-

mit in Laos. Park said South Korea will employ all available measures to put more pressure on North Korea, which has previously conducted nuclear tests every three to four years.

North Korea said there was no radioactive material leaked, but the explo-

sion put the region on edge.

Chinese state media reported that the nation's environmental protection agency started nuclear radiation monitoring. Japanese planes began to collect air samples from national air space to analyze possible radioactive materials. Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike said Japan's capital city is also testing water samples and monitoring radiation levels in the air.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that "artificial seismic waves" from a quake measuring 5.0 were detected near the Punggye-ri test site. European and U.S. monitoring services also detected similar seismic activity, with the U.S. Geological Survey calling it an "explosion" on its website.

A South Korean Defense Ministry official, who refused to be named because of office rules, said that Seoul detected an estimated explosive yield of 10 kilotons. After the North's fourth test, in January, South Korean lawmaker Lee Cheol Woo said Seoul's National Intelligence Service told him that an estimated explosive yield of six kilotons was detected.

The 5.0 magnitude earthquake Friday is the largest of the four past quakes associated with North Korean nuclear tests, according to South Korea's weather agency. Artificial seismic waves measuring 3.9 were reported after North Korea's first nuclear test in 2006; 4.8 was reported from its fourth test this January.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has overseen a robust increase in the number and kinds of missiles tested this year. Not only has the range of the weapons successfully tested jumped significantly, but the country is working to perfect new platforms for launching them — submarines and mobile launchers.

The longer ranges and mobile launch-

ers give the North greater ability to threaten the tens of thousands of U.S. troops stationed throughout Asia.

The seismic activity comes on the 68th anniversary of the founding of North Korea's government and just days after world leaders gathered in China for the G-20 economic summit.

Any test will lead to a strong push for new, tougher sanctions at the United Nations and further worsen already abysmal relations between Pyongyang and its neighbors. North Korea is already one of the most heavily sanctioned places on earth, and many question whether the penalties work.

China, the North's economic lifeline and only major ally, has previously offered cover to Pyongyang,

though Beijing has expressed growing frustration with what outsiders call provocations.

Pyongyang likely wanted to show the world that strong international sanctions following its fourth nuclear test and long-range rocket launch earlier this year haven't discouraged its efforts to advance its nuclear weapons and missiles programs, according to Koh Yuhwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University.

"It seems that the North has decided to play an 'end game' where they push things to see how far they can go. It's already being heavily sanctioned and there will be little room for any new sanctions that will meaningfully hurt them more," Koh said.

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NOTICE OF OBJECTIONS FILED
Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment.
Reviewing Officer: **Beth Pendleton, Alaska Regional Forester**
Time Zone of Reviewing Officer: **Alaska Time**

The Forest Service has received 26 eligible objections from individuals or entities regarding the Plan Amendment for the Tongass National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Tongass Forest Plan). The publication date of this notice in the Ketchikan Daily News, the newspaper of record, initiates a 10-day period during which individuals or organizations with a particular interest in the resolution of an objection may file a request to be an interested person, as described in 36 C.F.R. §219.57 and Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.12, Section 51.65, and participate in meetings between the objectors and the Forest Service.

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The Tongass Forest Plan, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and draft Record of Decision were released by the Tongass Forest Supervisor, Earl Stewart, on July 1, 2016. These documents are available for review on the Tongass Forest Plan website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/PlanAmend>. The documents are also available on compact disk or as a printed copy by contacting Susan Howle, Plan Amendment Project Manager, at (907) 228-6340 or showle@fs.fed.us.

The following individuals and entities submitted eligible and timely objections to the Forest Service:

16-10-00-0006 - Robert Grimm, Alaska Power and Telephone Company
16-10-00-0007 - Eric Nichols, Alcan Forest Products
16-10-00-0008 - Frank Murkowski, individual
16-10-00-0009 - Neil MacKinnon, First Things First Alaska Foundation
16-10-00-0010 - Dominick DellaSala, GEOS Institute
16-10-00-0012 - George Woodbury, individual
16-10-00-0013 - William Swift, Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce
16-10-00-0015 - Margo Waring, individual
16-10-00-0018 - Carl Portman, Resource Development Council
16-10-00-0020 - Neil MacKinnon, Hyak Mining
16-10-00-0021 - Jeff Jabusch, City of Wrangell
16-10-00-0027 - Owen Graham, Alaska Forest Association and Southeast Conference
16-10-00-0029 - Anthony Mallott, Sealaska Corporation

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16-10-00-0030 - John Morrison, Trust Land Office
16-10-00-0031 - Deantha Crockett, Alaska Miners Association
16-10-00-0032 - Kristen Miller, Alaska Wilderness League
16-10-00-0034 - Patrick Lavin, Defenders of Wildlife
16-10-00-0035 - Andrew Mack, State of Alaska
16-10-00-0036 - Austin Williams, Trout Unlimited
16-10-00-0037 - Andrew Thoms, Sitka Conservation Society
16-10-00-0039 - Holly Harris, Earthjustice, et al.
16-10-00-0040 - Meredith Trainor, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
16-10-00-0041 - Susan Culliney, Audubon Alaska
16-10-00-0042 - Larry Edwards, Greenpeace, et al.
16-10-00-0043 - Eric Lee, individual
16-10-00-0044 - Niel Lawrence, Natural Resources Defense Council

The objections may be viewed online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/PlanAmend>.

Interested Persons
The objection regulations at 36 C.F.R. § 219.57 and Forest Service policy outlined in the Land Management Planning Handbook (FSH) 1909.12, Section 51.65) allow those individuals and entities who have previously submitted substantive formal comments and who request and are granted rec-

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ognition as interested persons to participate in resolution meetings between the objectors and the Forest Service. The purpose of this opportunity is to ensure that efforts to resolve objections are conducted in an open and collaborative forum. Written requests for recognition as an interested person must be submitted no later than 10 days from the date of this notice in the Ketchikan Daily News, the newspaper of record, and must include the following information: name and affiliation, if any, of the requester; mailing address, phone number, and email address (if available) for the requester; the names of the objector(s) whose objection(s) the requester has an interest in; a brief explanation of the requester's interest in the objection(s) and any specific concern(s), including a description of support or opposition to the objection(s); and identification of substantive formal comment provided by the requester during the planning process demonstrating the requester's participation in the planning process.

Written requests should be mailed to: Beth Pendleton, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Attn: Tongass Objections, P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802-1628. Hand-delivered requests and requests sent via UPS, FedEx, or other courier should be submitted

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to Beth Pendleton, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Regional Office, Attn: Tongass Objections, 709 W. 9th Street, Room 549, Juneau, AK 99801-1807. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered requests are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays. Electronic requests must be submitted to objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us. In electronic requests, the subject line must include "Tongass Plan Amendment." An automated response will confirm that your electronic request has been received. Faxed requests must be submitted to (907) 586-7840. Electronic requests must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Microsoft Word (.docx). The requests will be considered by the Reviewing Officer, and eligible interested persons will be notified in advance of any objection resolution meetings. Objection resolution meetings are open to observation by the public, and the date(s), location(s), and agenda(s) for any meeting(s) will be posted online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/R10/Tongass/PlanAmend>.
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Norwegian Sun 1:00p-8:00p	Total: 4,102
Total: 2,536	
Sunday, September 4	Thursday, September 8
Solstice 7:00a-4:00p	Westerdam 6:30a-1:00p
Carnival Legend 7:00a-1:00p	Crown Princess 7:00a-1:15p
Grand Princess 8:00a-6:00p	Star Princess 9:30a-5:45p
Total: 7,574	Nieuw Amsterdam 10:00a-6:00p
	Total: 9,630
Monday, September 5	Friday, September 9
Coral Princess 6:30a-2:00p	Norwegian Pearl 6:00a-1:30p
Norwegian Jewel 7:00a-3:00p	Amsterdam 7:00a-1:00p
Volendam 10:00a-6:00p	Zaandam 11:00a-7:00p
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