

The objective of this study was to identify and evaluate options for the disposal of U.S. Navy and U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) ships. The research considered four options: long-term storage, domestic recycling, overseas recycling, and reefing (i.e., the sinking of ships to build artificial reefs). It also considered the use of private and public U.S. shipyards, international organizations, and partnerships between U.S. and foreign companies. Applicable environmental and worker health and safety regulations were taken into account in arriving at estimates of the costs, benefits, capacities, capabilities, feasibility, and risks associated with each option.

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