

# ***Gulf Power News***

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHO:** Gulf Power and Coronal Energy, powered by Panasonic

**WHAT:** *Flip the Switch* ceremony marking the completion of the largest solar installations on Department of Defense property

**WHEN:** 9 a.m., Tuesday, August 22

**WHERE:** NAS Pensacola's Saufley Outlying Field ([5900 Bellview Ave., Pensacola, Fla.](#))

**NOTE:** Media interested in attending the event should RSVP to [Kimberly Blair](#) or [Rick DeLaHaya](#) NLT Monday, August 21. This event is outside on uneven ground, so please dress accordingly.

## ***Gulf Power Flips the Switch at Saufley solar field August 22***

**NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA, Fla.** — Executives from Gulf Power and Coronal Energy™, powered by Panasonic, will join officials from the U.S. Air Force and Navy Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Naval Air Station Pensacola's Naval Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Saufley for the ceremonial "*Flip the Switch*" ceremony signifying the completion of the three largest combined solar facilities on Department of Defense property.

Ground was broken in November 2016 on the huge project that spans 940 acres across three Navy and Air Force sites in Northwest Florida. The ceremonial Flip the Switch will be held at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Naval Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Saufley, which hosts the largest of the three installations: a 366-acre, 50 megawatt solar-generating facility.

The large-scale solar complex is just one of three military installations constructed by Gulf Power and developer Coronal Energy, powered by Panasonic. The projects will support the Department of Defense's commitment to renewable energy and help further diversify Gulf Power's energy portfolio and support the mission to provide safe, affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible energy for its customers in Northwest Florida.

The two other construction projects recently completed are located at the Eglin Air Force Base Reservation and Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field's (NOLF) Holley Field. All three combined will have approximately 1.5 million solar panels capable of generating up to 120 megawatts of electricity, enough energy to power nearly 18,000 homes annually. These projects became operational earlier this summer.

Energy produced by the projects will serve Gulf Power customers across Northwest Florida and were approved by the Florida Public Service Commission in April 2015. Together, these facilities will be among the largest photovoltaic arrays in Florida and have the potential to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 3.5 million tons over 25 years. Combined, this will be one of the largest solar projects east of the Mississippi.

## **BY THE NUMBERS**

### **Eglin Air Force Base**

- Located within the confines of Eglin Air Force Base Reservation in Okaloosa County, Florida – approximately 60 miles east of Pensacola, Florida
- The largest solar project in terms of megawatts for the U.S. Air Force worldwide
- Approximately 375,000 photovoltaic panels
- Capacity of 30 megawatts producing enough energy to power nearly 4,500 Okaloosa County homes for a year
- Approximately 226 acres of land, the equivalent of 171 football fields
- 20,415 piles laid end-to-end would span 49 miles and weigh 911 tons
- 35,301,780 total pounds of steel
- Nearly 500 miles of cables, wiring and fiber cables
- 2,727,511 fasteners
- 1,914,000 zip ties
- 132 laborers

### **Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Saufley**

- Located within the confines of Saufley Naval Outlying Field in Escambia County, Florida – about five miles west of Pensacola, Florida
- Approximately 600,000 photovoltaic panels
- Capacity of 50 megawatts producing enough energy to power nearly 7,400 Escambia County homes for a year
- Approximately 438 acres of land, the equivalent of 331 football fields
- 32,963 piles laid end-to-end would span 77 miles and weigh 1,424 tons
- 57,735,287 total pounds of steel
- Nearly 831 miles of cables, wiring and fiber cables
- 4,406,525 fasteners
- 3,563,000 zip ties
- 165 laborers

### **Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field's Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Holley**

- Located within the confines of Holley Naval Outlying Field in Santa Rosa County, Florida – approximately 24 miles east of Pensacola, Florida
- 475,000 photovoltaic panels

- Capacity of 40 megawatts producing enough energy to power nearly 6,100 Santa Rosa County homes for a year
- Approximately 330 acres of land, the equivalent of 250 football fields
- 25,960 piles laid end-to-end would span 83 miles and weigh 1,535 tons
- 46,061,685 total pounds of steel
- Nearly 670 miles of cables, wiring and fiber cables
- 3,471,713 fasteners
- 2,418,000 zip ties
- 149 laborers

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#### **About Gulf Power**

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