

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Surplus U.S. Navy Property Located in the Territory of Guam**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy announces the intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the disposal and subsequent reuse of surplus U.S. Navy property in the Territory of Guam. A public scoping workshop will be held to receive oral and written comments to identify potentially significant issues for study in the EIS and to notify parties interested in and affected by the property disposal and reuse. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the workshop.

DATES: Public scoping workshop date is Thursday, May 7, 1998, 7 to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Public scoping workshop location is Chamorro Village Main Pavilion, Paseo Complex, Agana, Guam.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Bigay, (808) 471-9338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preparation of this EIS is pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

The proposed action of the EIS is disposal by the Navy and subsequent reuse of 19 parcels of land, totaling approximately 2,800 acres, at 14 sites on the island. The properties consist of developed and undeveloped land, buildings and infrastructure. The properties will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act (Pub. L. 101-510) of 1990 as amended, and applicable federal property disposal regulations.

The properties are among those identified in a plan for Department of Defense real estate on Guam, the Guam Land Use Plan Update 1994 (GLUP 94). The GLUP reviewed all military land requirements on Guam and made recommendations for land retention and disposal based on foreseeable mission tasking and force levels.

The properties to be disposed of are identified as: the former Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Housing Area in Dededo; the Navy Print Shop (Harmon Annex) and Marine Drive

(Wettengel Junction) parcels in Dededo; Tamuning Telephone Exchange; four parcels adjacent to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Activity Master Station, Barrigada; Nimitz Hill Enlisted Housing and nearby vacant land; parcels at Sasa Valley and Tenjo Vista in Piti; a parcel at Polaris Point; a parcel near the New Apra Heights family housing area; a parcel on Route 2A in Santa Rita; Rizal or Aflleje Beach in Santa Rita; Old Apra Heights and; two parcels at the naval ordnance area in Santa Rita.

Potential reuse alternatives for the parcels are defined in a Government of Guam (GovGuam) reuse plan prepared for the GLUP 94 Reuse Planning Committee and the Guam Economic Development Authority. Excluded from consideration in this EIS are GLUP 94 Air Force properties. Also excluded are GLUP 94 Navy power plant properties and areas at the former Naval Air Station, Agana, which are being addressed as separate actions.

The EIS will analyze the proposed action, reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, and individual and cumulative environmental impacts. Alternatives considered in the EIS will be influenced by the identification of feasible future uses of the land areas. The GovGuam reuse plan features various land uses, including resort, industrial, commercial, residential, agricultural, parks, recreation, historic and conservation use.

Environmental issues to be considered will include, but are not limited to, effects on cultural resources, terrestrial and aquatic habitats, threatened or endangered species, air and water quality, infrastructure, traffic, noise, flood plain management, installation restoration and environmental clean-up, and the socioeconomic environment. Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts will be analyzed, and mitigation measures will be developed if appropriate.

The scoping workshop will provide opportunities for clarification of the U.S. Navy's action in response to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions and subsequent identification of surplus properties, and to solicit input from representatives of government agencies and interested individuals regarding the scope of the EIS. The U.S. Navy and the Guam Economic Development Authority will set up information stations at the workshop. Each information station will be attended by a knowledgeable person who will be available to answer questions from attendees. Agency representatives and the public are encouraged to provide comments. Comments will be entered into the

official record via written comment sheets available to attendees at the workshop and via summary of oral comments. To ensure accuracy of the record, it is suggested that comments be submitted in writing. All comments, oral and written, will become part of the public record and will receive attention and consideration during EIS preparation.

Written comments may also be mailed to Mr. John Bigay (Code 231), Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-7300; or contact Mr. Bigay by telephone (808) 471-9338 or facsimile (808) 474-5909. Written comments are requested not later than May 26, 1998. Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting Mr. Leland Munson (Department of Defense Base Transition Coordinator) at (671) 339-5443 on Guam.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****Notice of Public Hearing for the Pacific Missile Range Facility Enhanced Capability Draft Environmental Impact Statement at Pacific Missile Range**

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy announces that it will hold two public hearings to inform the public of the Pacific Missile Range Facility Enhanced Capability Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) findings and to solicit comments.

Federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearings. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. However, to assure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on this action and will be given equal consideration.

In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit his or her oral comments to five minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized at the public hearing(s) and submitted in writing either at the public hearing(s) or mailed