



MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING

Draft Supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The U.S. Navy has prepared a draft supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS). The Navy welcomes your review and substantive comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

INTRODUCTION

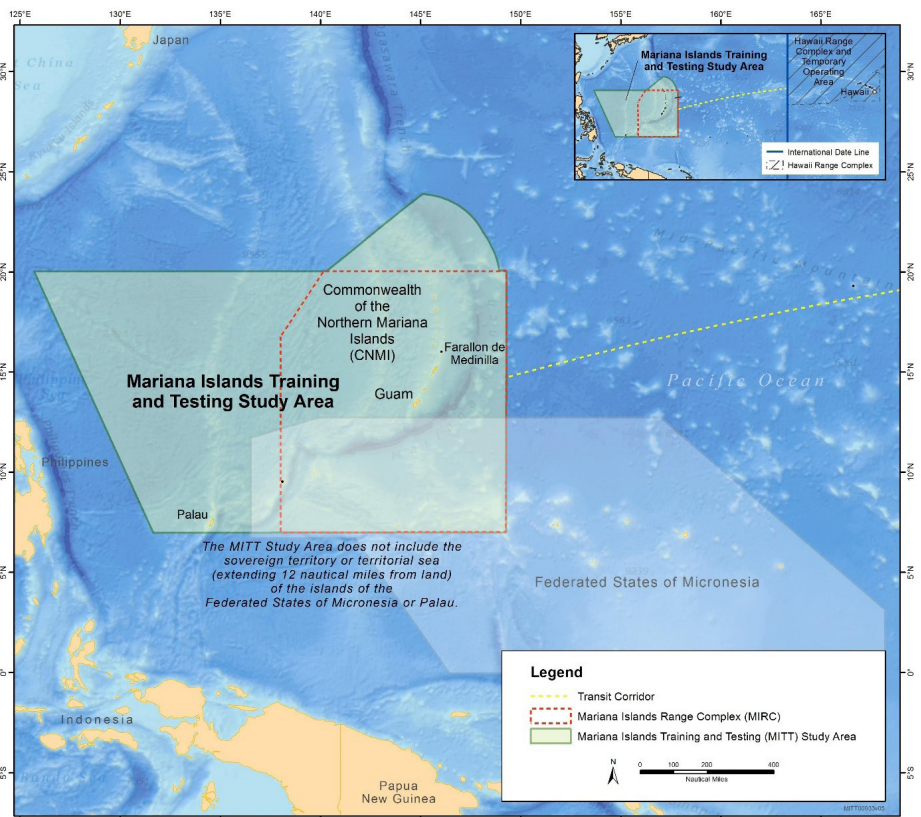
Using the most current and best available science, the Navy has prepared a Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing at-sea military readiness activities (referred to as “training and testing”) conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Supplemental EIS/OEIS Study Area (referred to as the “Study Area”).

The supplement to the 2015 analysis supports ongoing and future activities conducted at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Study Area beyond 2020. The proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and are representative of activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS supports the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

PROPOSED ACTION

Training military personnel and testing vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems are necessary to achieve and maintain military readiness and personnel safety. To meet training and testing requirements, the Navy proposes to conduct at-sea training and testing activities within the Study Area. These activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine species mitigation measures. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing activities to ensure that the Navy and other military services meet their respective missions, which, for the Navy is to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready military forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas.



The Study Area for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS remains unchanged since the 2015 environmental analysis.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Navy is accepting comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS throughout the 45-day public comment period, from Feb. 1, 2019, to March 18, 2019. All comments submitted during the public comment period will become part of the public record and substantive comments will be addressed in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted online at www.MITT-EIS.com, at the public meetings, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific
Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

All comments must be postmarked or received online by **March 18, 2019**, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Public and agency input allows decision makers to benefit from local knowledge and consider community issues and concerns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the following public libraries or www.MITT-EIS.com to view the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS:

- Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, University of Guam
- Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library
- Tinian Public Library
- Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library)
- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

Public involvement is a fundamental aspect of the environmental analysis process. The Navy welcomes and appreciates your substantive comments.

For more information and to submit comments, visit www.MITT-EIS.com.

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Two open house public meetings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to learn about the project and submit comments during the open house meetings. The public may arrive at any time and interact with Navy representatives at informational poster stations. There will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session.

GUAM

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

- ▶ University of Guam
Jesus & Eugenia Leon Guerrero
School of Business and Public
Administration Building
Anthony Leon Guerrero
Multi-Purpose Room 129
and Henry Sy Atrium
Mangilao, Guam 96923

SAIPAN

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

- ▶ Kanoa Resort Saipan
Seaside Hall
Beach Road in Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950



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