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8 Public Involvement and Distribution

This chapter includes a summary of the public involvement and stakeholder outreach activities conducted by the United States (U.S.) Navy (Navy) during the scoping period and the public review and comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) for Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT). The scoping period ran from July 28, 2017, through September 15, 2017. The Draft SEIS/OEIS was released for public review and comment February 1, 2019, through April 17, 2019.

The purpose of public involvement during the public scoping period was to (1) notify and inform stakeholders and the public about the Proposed Action; and (2) provide opportunities for the public to comment on the scope of the analysis, including environmental issues and potential viable alternatives. The purpose of public involvement and outreach during the public review and comment period of the Draft SEIS/OEIS was to (1) notify and inform stakeholders and the public about the Proposed Action and the release of the Draft SEIS/OEIS, and (2) provide the opportunity for the public and stakeholders to comment on the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

Public Outreach and involvement efforts were conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Navy guidance.

8.1 Project Website

A public website was established to provide the public with project, public meeting, and commenting information, and to accept comments electronically. The project website address is www.mitt-eis.com and has been active since 2014.

The website address was included in the *Federal Register* (FR) notices: Notice of Intent to Prepare an SEIS/OEIS, Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS, Notice of Public Meetings, Notice of Rescheduled Meetings, and Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period. It was also included in newspaper advertisements, agency letters, press releases, and postcard mailers.

Public notifications, fact sheet booklets, maps, technical reports, informational videos, and other public involvement information are available on the project website and will be available throughout the course of the project. The website is periodically updated with project announcements, which are emailed to website subscribers.

8.2 Scoping Period

The public scoping period began with issuance of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* July 28, 2017, originally announcing the scoping period to end September 11, 2017, but was delayed slightly by the publication authority. However, the *Federal Register* notice was published on August 1, 2017 (82 FR 35767), with a September 15, 2017, scoping period end date. Comments on the scope of the analysis were provided by mail and through the project website. The *Federal Register* Notice of Intent for Scoping is shown in Figure 8.2-1.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Visitors of Marine Corps University

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

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors of the Marine Corps University (BOV MCU) will meet to review, develop and provide recommendations on all aspects of the academic and administrative policies of the University; examine all aspects of professional military education operations; and provide such oversight and advice, as is necessary, to facilitate high educational standards and cost effective operations. The Board will be focusing primarily on the internal procedures of Marine Corps University. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public. DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, from

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, September 15, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time Zone. ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at

Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia. The address is: 2076 South St., Quantico, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kim Florich, Director of Faculty Development and Outreach, Marine Corps University Board of Visitors, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Virginia 22134, telephone number 703–432–4682.

Dated: July 24, 2017.

A.M. Nichols,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Mariana Islands Training and Testing

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (DoÑ) announces its intent to prepare a supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

DATES: Public scoping meetings will not be held, but public comments will be accepted during the scoping period from August 1, 2017 to September 15, 2017. ADDRESSES: The DoN invites scoping comments on the MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS from all interested parties. Substantive comments may be provided by mail to the address below and through the project Web site at http:// mitt-eis.com/. Comments must be postmarked or received by September 15, 2017, for consideration during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860–3134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navy will assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing and proposed military readiness activities conducted within the MITT EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter known as the "Study Area"). The Supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS is being prepared to support ongoing and future activities conducted at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Study Area beyond 2020. Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation (hereafter known as "testing"). The Supplemental EIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training and testing activities using new information available after the release of the 2015 Final MITT EIS/ OEIS. New information includes an updated acoustic effects model, updated marine mammal density data, and other best available science. Proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 Final MITT EIS/OEIS and are representative of training and testing activities the DoN has been conducting in the Study Area for decades.

The Study Area remains unchanged since the 2015 Final MITT EIS/OEIS. The Study Area includes the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC); areas on the high seas to the north and west of the MIRC; a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex, starting at the International Date Line; and Apra Harbor and select DoN pierside and harbor locations. The Study Area includes only the in-water components of the range complex and FDM; land components associated with the range complex are not included in the Study Area.

As part of this process the DoN will seek the issuance of regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act to support training and testing requirements within the Study Area, beyond 2020, thereby ensuring critical Department of Defense requirements are met.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6, the DoN will invite the National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Figure 8.2-1: Notice of Intent for Scoping

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The DoN's lead action proponent is Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Additional action proponents include Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, and the Office of Naval Research.

The DoN's Proposed Action is to conduct military training and testing activities within the Study Area. Activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing appropriate marine species protective mitigation measures. The Proposed Action does not alter the DoN's original purpose and need as presented in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain a ready force, which is needed to ensure the military can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas, consistent with Congressional direction in section 5062 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code. A Supplemental EIS/OEIS is considered the appropriate document, as there is recent scientific information including revised acoustic criteria to consider, in furtherance of NEPA, relevant to the environmental effects of the DoN's Proposed Action, and the analysis will support Marine Mammal Protection Act authorization requests.

Proposed training and testing activities are generally consistent to those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS. The Supplemental EIS/OEIS will propose changes to the tempo and types of training and testing activities, accounting for the introduction of new technologies, the evolving nature of international events, advances in war fighting doctrine and procedures, and changes in the organization of vessels, aircraft, weapon systems, and military personnel. The MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS will reflect the compilation of training and testing activities required to fulfill the DoN's military readiness requirements beyond 2020, and therefore includes the analysis of newly proposed activities and changes to previously analyzed activities

In the Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the DoN will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of a No Action Alternative and action alternatives. Resources to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, marine mammals, sea turtles, essential fish habitat, and threatened and endangered species.

The scoping process is used to identify public concerns and local issues to be considered during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, local agencies, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide substantive comments to the DoN on environmental resources and issue areas of concern the commenter believes the DoN should consider.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by September 15, 2017, for consideration during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments can be mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI, 96869–3134. Comments can be submitted online via the project Web site at http://mitt-eis.com/.

Dated: July 20, 2017.

A.M. Nichols,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Final Waiver and Extension of the Project Period for the Native American Career and Technical Education Program

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.101A]

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Final waiver and extension of the project period.

SUMMARY: For the 24-month projects originally funded in fiscal year (FY) 2013 and extended for an additional 24months in FY 2015 under the Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP), the Secretary: Waives the requirements in Education Department regulations that generally prohibit project extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds; and extends the project period for the current 30 NACTEP grantees for an additional 12 months under the existing program authority. This waiver and extension will allow the 30 current NACTEP grantees to seek FY 2017 continuation awards for the project period through FY 2018. DATES: As of August 1, 2017, the waiver and extension of the project period are finalized.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gwen Washington by telephone at (202) 245–7790 or by email at gwen washington@ed.gov. You may also

contact Linda Mayo by telephone at (202) 245–7792 or by email at *linda.mayo@ed.gov.* If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1– 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 26, 2017, we published a notice in the Federal Register (82 FR 19240) proposing to waive the requirements of 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2) that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. In that notice, the Secretary also proposed to extend the NACTEP project period for up to an additional 12 months. The proposed waiver and extension of project period would enable the Secretary to provide continuation awards to the current NACTEP grantees through FY 2018 under the existing program authority.

That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the waiver and extension of the project period. This notice makes the waiver and extension of the project period final. Any activities carried out during the period of a NACTEP continuation award must be consistent with, or a logical extension of, the scope, goals, and objectives of the grantee's application as approved in the FY 2013 NACTEP competition. The requirements applicable to continuation awards for this competition set forth in the 2013 notice inviting applications and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253 will apply to any continuation awards

We will make decisions regarding the continuation awards based on grantee program narratives, budgets and budget narratives, program performance reports, and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253. We will not announce a new competition or make new awards in FY 2017.

The final waiver and project period extension will not exempt the current NACTEP grantees from the appropriation account closing provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), nor will it extend the availability of funds previously awarded to current NACTEP grantees. As a result of 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), appropriations available for a limited period may be used for payment of valid obligations for only five years after the expiration of their period of availability for Federal obligation. After that time, the unexpended balance of those funds is canceled and returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and is unavailable for restoration for any purpose (31 U.S.C. 1552(b)).

Public Comment: In response to our invitation in the proposed waiver and extension, we received 85 comments.

Figure 8.2-1: Notice of Intent for Scoping (continued)

8.2.1 Public Scoping Notification

The Navy made significant efforts to notify the public to maximize public participation during the scoping process. A summary of these efforts follows.

8.2.1.1 Notification Letters

Notification letters were mailed July 27, 2017, to 291 federal and local elected officials and government agencies. Entities that received the scoping notification letter can be found in Table 8.2-1, and an example of the letter is shown in Figure 8.2-2.

Table 8.2-1: Federal and Local Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter

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| U.S. Congress |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| National Ocean Service |
| National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Division, Guam Office |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service |
| Guam National Wildlife Refuge |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Natural Resource Conservation Service, West Area Office |
| Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services |
| National Park Service |
| War in the Pacific National Historic Park |
| Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council |
| Guam Education & Outreach |
| Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration |
| Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies |
| Office of the Governor |
| Office of the Senator |
| 34th Guam Legislature |
| Mayors' Council of Guam |
| Office of the Mayor |
| Village of Agana Heights |
| Village of Agat |
| Village of Asan-Maina |
| Village of Barrigada |
| Village of Chalan Pago-Ordot |
| Village of Dededo |
| Village of Hagåtña |
| Village of Inarajan |
| Village of Mangilao |
| Village of Merizo |
| Village of Mongmong-Toto-Maite |
| Village of Piti |
| Village of Santa Rita |
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| Village of Talofofo |
| Village of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon |
| Village of Umatac |
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| Village of Yona |
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| A.B. Won Pat International Airport |
| Consolidated Utility Services |
| Department of Labor |
| Guam Ancestral Lands Commission |
| Guam Army National Guard |
| Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans |
| Coastal Management Program |
| Guam Chamorro Land Trust Commission |
| Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities |
| Guam Department of Agriculture |
| Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources |
| Guam Department of Education |
| Guam Department of Land Management |
| Guam Department of Parks and Recreation |
| Historic Preservation Office |
| Guam Department of Public Works |
| Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority Guam Environmental Protection Agency |
| Water Resources Management Program |
| Guam Homeland Security |
| Office of Civil Defense |
| Guam Land Use Commission |
| Guam Visitors Bureau |
| Guam Waterworks Authority |
| Northern Guam Pacific Islands Area Soil and Water Conservation Districts |
| Port Authority of Guam |
| U.S. Marshals Service, District of Guam |
| University of Guam |
| Water and Environmental Research Institute |
| Marine Laboratory |
| Cooperative Extension Service |
| Saipan |
| Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies |
| U.S. Congress |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| National Marine Fisheries Service |
| Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Field Office |
| U.S. Department of the Interior |
| Office of Insular Affairs |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service |
| Saipan Service Center |
| Tinian & Aguiguan Service Center |
| Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council |
| Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies |
| Office of the Governor |
| CNMI Senate |
| CNMI House of Representatives |
| CNMI Office of the Mayor |
| CNMI Public Information and Protocol Office |
| CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality |
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| Division of Environmental Quality |
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| Division of Coastal Resources Management |
| Marine Monitoring |
| CNMI Coastal Resources Management Program |
| CNMI Department of Commerce |
| Military Integration Management Committee |
| CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs |
| Historic Preservation Office |
| CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources |
| Division of Fish and Wildlife |
| Division of Agriculture |
| Division of Parks and Recreation |
| Soil and Water Conservation District |
| CNMI Department of Public Lands |
| CNMI Department of Public Safety |
| Office of the Commissioner |
| Tinian Fire Division |
| CNMI Military and Veteran Affairs |
| CNMI Northern Marianas College Cooperative, Research, Extension and Education Service |
| CNMI Zoning Office |
| Commonwealth Ports Authority |
| Marianas Visitors Authority |
| Saipan International Airport |
| Port of Saipan |
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The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo U.S. Congress 120 Father Dueñas Avenue, Suite 107 Hagåtña, GU 96910

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING

This letter is to inform you that the Department of the Navy (Navy) is preparing a supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing military readiness activities conducted within the MITT EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter referred to as the "Study Area"). Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation (hereafter referred to as "training and testing"). The Navy is requesting your comments on the scope of the analysis, including potential environmental issues or viable alternatives to be considered during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The Navy previously completed an EIS/OEIS in May 2015 for training and testing activities occurring within the Study Area. The supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS is being prepared to support ongoing and future activities conducted at-sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Study Area beyond 2020. Proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS and are representative of activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

The supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training and testing activities using new information available after the release of the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS. New information includes an updated acoustic effects model, updated marine mammal density data, and evolving and emergent best available science. As part of this process, the Navy will seek the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The Study Area remains unchanged since the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS (Enclosure 1). The Study Area includes the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC); areas on the high seas to the north and west of the MIRC; a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii

Figure 8.2-2: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter

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Range Complex, starting at the International Date Line; and Apra Harbor and select Navy pierside and harbor locations. The supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS will only analyze those training and testing activities conducted at sea and on FDM within the Study Area. Other activities and land components associated with the MIRC will not be included in the supplement.

The Proposed Action is to conduct at-sea training and testing activities within the Study Area. Activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine species protective mitigation measures. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain a ready force, which is needed to ensure the military can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces, consistent with Congressional direction in Section 5062 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

To achieve and maintain military readiness, the Navy proposes to:

- Conduct at-sea training and testing activities at levels required to support military readiness requirements beyond 2020; and
- Accommodate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from the development, testing, and introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the fleet.

Public comments will be accepted during the 45-day scoping period beginning July 28, 2017 through September 11, 2017. Comments must be postmarked or received online by **September 11, 2017**, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), for consideration in the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted online at **www.MITT-EIS.com**, 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

If you would like additional information or to receive a project briefing, please contact Mr. John Van Name at 808-471-1714 or john.vanname@navy.mil.

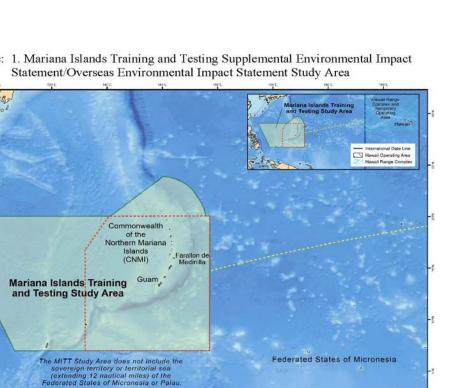
Please help the Navy inform the community about the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS for atsea training and testing by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals.

Sincerely, FOR L. M. FOSTER By direction

Enclosure: 1. Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Study Area

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Figure 8.2-2: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)



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Transit Corridor

Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC)

na Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area

Enclosure (1)

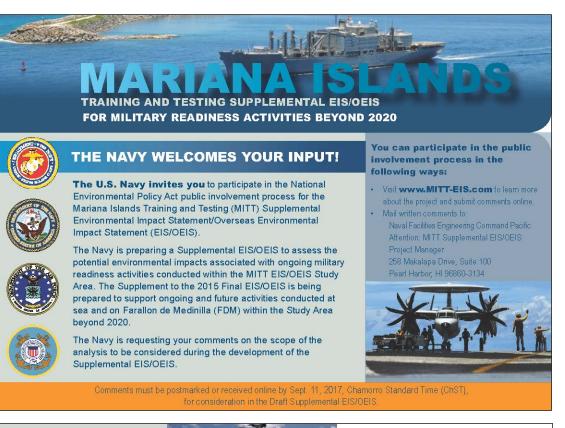
Enclosure: 1. Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact

Figure 8.2-2: Stakeholder Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

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8.2.1.2 Postcard Mailer

A postcard was mailed first-class to 341 individuals, community groups, and nongovernmental organizations on July 27, 2017. The postcard provided information about the Proposed Action, the website address, and how to submit public comments. An example of the postcard is shown in Figure 8.2-3.



Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action is to conduct at-sea training and testing activities within the Study Area. Activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine species protective mitigation measures. Proposed training and testing activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS and are representative of activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.



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

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

Figure 8.2-3: Postcard Mailer for Scoping (Front and Back)

8.2.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were placed in local and regional newspapers to advertise the public's opportunity to comment on the scope of the analysis. The advertisements included a description of the Proposed Action, the address of the project website, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments. The newspapers and publication dates are indicated in Table 8.2-2. An example of the advertisement is shown in Figure 8.2-4.

| Newspaper | Newspaper Coverage | Publication Dates | |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| Pacific Daily News | Hagåtña, Guam; and neighboring islands | Friday, July 28, 2017 Saturday, July 29, 2017 Sunday, July 30, 2017 | |
| Marianas Variety | Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Federated States of Micronesia | Friday, July 28, 2017 Monday, July 31, 2017 Tuesday, August 1, 2017 | |
| Saipan Tribune | Saipan, Tinian, Rota | Friday, July 28, 2017 Monday, July 31, 2017 Tuesday, August 1, 2017 | |



Figure 8.2-4: Newspaper Announcement for Scoping

8.2.1.4 Press Release

A press release to announce the Notice of Intent and request public input was distributed to local and regional media outlets on July 28, 2017. The press release provided information on the Proposed Action, address of the project website, duration of the comment period, and how to submit comments. The press release from the Commander, Joint Region Marianas is shown in Figure 8.2-5.

COMMANDER, JOINT REGION MARIANAS Public Affairs Office Main: (671) 349-4055/3209 Fax: (671) 349-1201 E-Mail: CJRMPAO@fe.navy.mil



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Press Release 17-063

<u>U.S. Navy Seeks Public Input on Training and Testing</u> <u>Supplemental Environmental Impact Analysis</u>

ASAN, Guam (July 28, 2017) –The U.S. Navy is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing at-sea military readiness activities conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter referred to as the "Study Area").

Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation (hereafter referred to as "training and testing"). The Navy is requesting public comments on the scope of the analysis, including potential environmental issues and viable alternatives to be considered during the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

The Navy previously completed an EIS/OEIS in May 2015 for at-sea training and testing activities occurring within the Study Area. The supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS is being prepared to support ongoing and future activities conducted at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Study Area beyond 2020. Proposed training and testing activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS and represent activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

The Supplemental EIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training and testing activities using new information available after the release of the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS. New information includes an updated acoustic effects model, updated marine mammal density data, and evolving and emergent best available science. As part of this process, the Navy will seek the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action is to conduct at-sea training and testing activities within the Study Area. At-sea training and testing activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing marine species protective mitigation measures.

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Figure 8.2-5: Press Release for Scoping

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to maintain a ready force, which is needed to ensure the military can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces, consistent with Congressional direction in Section 5062 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

To achieve and maintain military readiness, the Navy proposes to:

- Conduct at-sea training and testing activities at levels required to support military readiness requirements beyond 2020; and
- Accommodate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from the development, testing, and introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the fleet.

The Study Area remains unchanged since the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS and includes the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC); areas on the high seas to the north and west of the MIRC; a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex, starting at the International Date Line; and Apra Harbor and select Navy pierside and harbor locations. In the supplement to the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS, the Navy will only analyze those training and testing activities conducted at sea and on FDM within the Study Area. Other activities and land components associated with the MIRC are not included in the supplement.

Scoping Comment Period for the Supplemental EIS/OEIS:

The 45-day scoping comment period is July 28-Sept. 11. Comments must be postmarked or received online by Sept. 11, 2017, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), for consideration in the development of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. All comments submitted during the 45-day public comment period will become part of the public record. Comments may be submitted online at: <u>www.MITT-EIS.com</u>, 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

For additional project information, please visit the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com.

Please help inform your community by sharing the information in this press release.

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For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209.

Figure 8.2-5: Press Release for Scoping (continued)

8.2.2 Summary of Public Scoping Comments

Scoping comments were submitted in two ways:

- Written letters (received any time during the public comment period)
- Comments submitted directly on the project website (received any time during the public comment period)

The Navy received a total of 36 written and electronic comments from federal agencies, state agencies, nongovernmental organizations, individuals, and community groups. Thirty website comments were submitted using the electronic comment form on the project website. Six written comments were mailed. A sampling of some of the specific concerns follows.

8.2.2.1 Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives

Comments stated that the description of the action and proposed activities is vague in the SEIS/OEIS and that it should include an explanation of the differences between the 2015 Record of Decision and the action proposed in this SEIS/OEIS. Comments included a request that a range of alternatives be considered, including time or seasonal restrictions, restrictions in biologically sensitive areas, reduced training and testing tempo, and mitigated alternatives.

8.2.2.2 National Environmental Policy Act and Public Involvement

Comments stated that there is a lack of detail regarding the scope of the Proposed Action presented to the public. It was suggested the website include the updated acoustic effects model, updated marine mammal density data, and the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS. The scoping period was thought to be too short and should be extended.

8.2.2.3 Location of Activities

Comments stated that military training should not be conducted in the CNMI.

8.2.2.4 Indirect and Cumulative Impacts

Comments included requests that all Department of Defense actions in the Mariana Islands be analyzed for cumulative effects. Comments also included requests to analyze indirect and cumulative impacts as they relate to seagrass, coral reefs, invertebrates, sea turtles, fish populations, and loss of habitat, as well as the ocean as an ecosystem. Comments also included recommendations that recreational fishing, commercial fishing, and transport be analyzed from a cumulative perspective. Comments in this category expressed concern about the overall impact of military activity in Guam and the overall MITT Study Area.

8.2.2.5 Sediments and Water Quality Impacts

Comments stated that there was a lack of studies regarding impacts on the waters around Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) and documentation of the loss of land at FDM in regard to erosion. Requests were made to provide a detailed analysis of the residence times of constituents, effects of deposition, bioaccumulation of metals and other pollutants, and concentration of explosives and unexploded ordnance in the ocean environment, due to concerns about military expended materials becoming marine debris.

8.2.2.6 Socioeconomic Resources

Comments stated that military training activities are disturbing economically important fishing areas, restricting access to prime fishing grounds, and resulting in contamination in the local food supply. Issues raised in regard to socioeconomic impacts included increased transit times around restricted areas and associated loss of revenue due to transit times and restricted access to fishing areas.

8.2.2.7 Terrestrial Species and Habitats/Marine Birds

Comments included requests for the reevaluation of booby populations and to address impacts on the great frigate bird, red-tailed tropicbird, white-tailed tropicbird, brown noddy, and black noddy on FDM.

8.2.2.8 Marine Resources

Comments stated concerns regarding direct and cumulative impacts from military expended material and debris on the marine environment. Comments included suggestions to analyze sonar, chemical pollutants, and marine debris associated with training activities on all marine species. Monitoring results should be made available and integrated into the analysis. Impacts should also be analyzed in regard to invasive species and marine biosecurity threats. Impacts on coastal resources should be substantively analyzed under a range of alternatives and specific mitigation. Impacts on Habitat Area of Concern for Coral Reef Ecosystem Management Unit Species and Bottomfish Management Units Species should also be analyzed. Commenters stated that there were a lack of studies documenting the amount of ordnance debris and unexploded ordnance in the water and impacts on and around FDM, including coral reefs.

8.2.2.9 Marine Mammal Impacts/Sea Turtles

Comments in this category included concerns regarding the health and safety effects on marine mammals from training activities. Commenters expressed concern regarding impacts on marine mammals from sonar and explosives as well as impacts on humpback whale calving grounds.

8.2.2.10 Fish/Marine Habitat

Comments stated that training activities are disturbing pelagic and economically important fishing areas and causing fish to leave the Study Area. There were also concerns regarding acoustic disturbance to fish.

8.2.2.11 Cultural Resources

Comments stated the U.S. Navy has not consulted with indigenous people for conducting military training in the Mariana Islands. Direct and cumulative impacts need to be identified due to the loss of access to FDM for cultural use.

8.2.2.12 Public Health and Safety

Comments included concerns regarding overall impacts and risks to public health and safety in regard to unexploded ordnance, water contamination, and proper safety measures.

8.2.2.13 Mitigation Measures

Comments included requests to provide details associated with the actions the Navy will take to avoid harming protected marine mammals and coral reefs as well as the effectiveness of past mitigation measures. Comments stated that the public needs a better understanding of how mitigation measures avoid impacts on marine mammals and the effectiveness of those measures.

8.2.2.14 Other

This category includes comments that were considered to be outside the scope of this analysis or not considered applicable to the analysis. For example, there were comments related to the potential dangers posed by North Korea, direct compensation for loss of fishing grounds or the development of fishery infrastructure, the militarization of the Mariana Islands, lack of specific surveys, and third-party assessments of impacts and surveys.

8.3 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Public Review and Comment Period

The Draft SEIS/OEIS public review and comment period began with issuance of the Notice of Public Meetings (84 FR 677) January 31, 2019, and the Notice of Availability (84 FR 1119) February 1, 2019, in the *Federal Register*. A Notice of Rescheduled Public Meetings and Extension of Public Comment Period was published in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 8515) March 8, 2019. A Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period was published in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 12239) April 1, 2019. The *Federal Register* notices for the Draft SEIS/OEIS are shown in Figure 8.3-1, Figure 8.3-2, Figure 8.3-3, and Figure 8.3-4.

The *Federal Register* notices included notification of the availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS and where it can be accessed; an overview of the Proposed Action and its purpose and need; public commenting information; and locations, dates, and times of the public meetings. The purpose of the public meetings was to inform the public about the Proposed Action and to solicit public comments on the environmental issues addressed and analyzed in the Draft SEIS/OEIS. Comments were accepted by mail, through the SEIS/OEIS website at www.mitt-eis.com, and at the public meetings.



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Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404. Dated: January 28, 2019.

M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019-00373 Filed 1-30-19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Mariana Islands Training and Testing

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

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality and Presidential Executive Order (E.O.) 12114, the Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/ OEIS). In the Draft Supplemental EIS/ OEIS, the DoN reassesses the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting ongoing and future military readiness activities, which includes training activities and research, development, testing, and evaluation activities (referred to as "testing activities") conducted at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area (hereafter referred to as the Study Area) beyond 2020. In the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the DoN evaluates new, relevant information, such as more recent marine mammal density data and new scientific information, and updates the environmental analyses as appropriate. The DoN prepared the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS to support the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is a cooperating agency for this Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

DATES: This notice announces the public comment period and the dates and locations of the public meetings, includes information about how the public can review and comment on the document, and provides supplementary information about the environmental planning effort. All comments must be

postmarked or received online by March 18, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Federal and local agencies and officials, and interested organizations and individuals, are encouraged to provide substantive comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS during the public review period or in person at one of the scheduled open house public meetings. ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held in an open-house format, with DoN representatives available to provide information and answer questions related to the Draft Supplemental EIS OEIS. Open house public meetings will be held on Guam and Saipan. The public may arrive at any time during the open house, as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session. Open house public meetings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

1. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. February 26, 2019, at 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

 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. February 27, 2019, at Kanoa Resort Ŝaipan, Seaside Hall, Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.

Attendees will be able to submit written comments during the open house public meetings. A stenographer will be available for attendees wishing to provide oral comments, one-on-one. Equal weight will be given to oral and written comments. Comments may also be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/ OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, or electronically via the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com. All comments, written or oral, 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS was distributed to federal and local agencies with which the DoN consulted. Copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS are available for public review at the following public libraries:

1. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923-1871.

2. Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, GU 96910-5141.

3. Tinian Public Library, San Jose

Village, Tinian, MP 96952–9997. 4. Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library), Rota, MP 96951-9997

5. Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Insatto

Street, Saipan, MP 96950–9996. The MITT Draft Supplemental EIS/ OEIS is available for electronic viewing or download at www.MITT-EIS.com. A compact disc of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS will be made available upon written request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/ OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

Dated: January 25, 2019.

M.S. Werner.

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019-00368 Filed 1-30-19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810-FF-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Land-Water Interface and Service Pier Extension at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Kitsap County, WA

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

SUMMARY: The United States Department Canal on the waterfront of Naval Base (NAVBASE) Kitsap Bangor, Washington for the Land-Water Interface (LWI) and SPE, NAVBASE Kitsap Bangor, WA. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The by 520 feet and will require in-water as

Figure 8.3-1: Federal Register Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft SEIS/OEIS

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. IS18-766-000, IS18-767-000]

Notice Rescheduling Technical Conference: Mid-America Pipeline Company, LLC; Seminole Pipeline Company LLC

The technical conference originally scheduled for January 17, 2016, in the above-referenced proceeding, is hereby rescheduled to convene on February 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time). It will occur in Hearing Room 2 at the Commission's Washington DC offices.¹

Dated: January 15, 2019. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary. IFR Doc. 2019–00541 Filed 1–31–19; 8 BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9043-2]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Feder Activities, General Information 202– 564–5632 or https://www.epa.gov/ nepa/.

Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 12/21/2018 Through 01/25/2019 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: https:// cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/ action/eis/search.

- EIS No. 20180325, Final, USFS, WA, Sunrise Vegetation and Fuels Management, *Review Period Ends*: 03/ 04/2019, *Contact*: Johnny Collin 509– 843–4643
- EIS No. 20180326, Draft Supplement, BR, CA, Long-Term Water Transfers, Comment Period Ends: 03/18/2019, Contact: Dan Cordova 916–987–5483
- EIS No. 20180327, Final, TxDOT, TX, Oakhill Parkway, Contact: Carlos Swonke 512–416–2734

Under 23 U.S.C. 139(n)(2), TxDOT ha issued a single document that consists of a supplemental final environmental impact statement and record of decision. Therefore, the 30-day wait/ review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.

EIS No. 20180328, Draft, HUD, CT, Resilient Bridgeport, Comment Period Ends: 03/18/2019, Contact: Rebecca French 860–270–8231

EIS No. 20180329, Drajt, USACE, CA, Amoruso Ranch, Comment Period Ends: 03/18/2019, Contact: Leah M. Fisher 916–557–6639

EIS No. 20180330, Draft, FHWA, LA Lafayette Regional Xpressway Tier 1, Comment Period Ends: 03/18/2019, Contact: Todd Jeter 225–757–7612

EIS No. 20180331, Final, FERC, LA, Driftwood LNG Project, *Review Period* Ends: 03/04/2019, *Contact*: Office of External Affairs 866–208–3372

- EIS No. 20180332, Final, FERC, CA, Yuba River Development Project, Review Period Ends: 03/04/2019, Contact: Alan Mitchnick 202–502-6074
- EIS No. 20180333, Final, FERC, OR, Swan Lake North Pumped Storage Project, Review Period Ends: 03/04 2019, Contact: Office of External Affairs 866–208–3372

EIS No. 20180334, Final, FERC, NY, Northeast Supply Enhancement Project, Review Period Ends: 03/04/ 2019, Contact: Office of External Affairs 866–208–3372

EIS No. 20180335, Draft Supplement, USN, GU, Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, Comment Period Ends: 03/ 18/2019, Contact: Nora Macariola-See 808–472–1402

IS No. 20180336, Draft, FHWA, NY, Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvements to JFK Airport, Comment Period Ends: 03/18/2019, Contact: Hans Anker 518–431–8896

Amended Notices

IS No. 20180282, Final, USACE, IL, The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study—Brandon Road Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement— Will County, Illinois, *Review Period Ends*: 02/22/2019, *Contact*: Andrew Leichty 309–794–5399. Revision to FR Notice Published 12/21/2018; Extending the Comment Period from 01/07/2019 to 02/22/2019. Dated: January 29, 2019. **Robert Tomiak**, *Director, Office of Federal Activities*. [FR Doc. 2019–00664 Filed 1–31–19; 8:45 am BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSURANCE CORPORATION

Regular Meeting; Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board

AGENCY: Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Notice, regular meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board (Board).

DATES: The meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on January 17, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. Submit attendance requests via email to VisitorRequest@FCA.gov. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further information about attendance requests. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056, aultmand@fca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available), and parts will be closed to the public. Please send an email to *VisitorRequest® FCA.gov* at least 24 hours before the meeting. In your email include: Name, postal address, entity you are representing (if applicable), and telephone number. You will receive an email confirmation from us. Please be prepared to show a photo identification when you arrive. If you need assistance for accessibility reasons, or if you have any questions, contact Dale Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board, at (703) 883–4009. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

- A. Approval of Minutes
- December 13, 2018
- B. New Business
- Review of Insurance Premium Rates

Figure 8.3-2: Federal Register Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIS/OEIS

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¹See the Notice of Technical Conference issue on December 12, 2018, for additional details regarding this conference.



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EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM: None.

HISTORY:

February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10227. [FR Doc. 2019-04191 Filed 3-7-19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001-06-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-OS-0104]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 8, 2019. ADDRESSES: Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD

Desk Officer, at oira_submission@ omb.eop.gov. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela James, 571–372–7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dodinformation-collections@mail.mil. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Vietnam War Commemoration Program Partner Events; DD Form 2953; DD Form 2954; DD Form 3027; DD Form 3028; DD Form 3020; OMB Control Number 0704–0500.

Type of Request: Extension. Number of Respondents: 16,020. Responses per Respondent: 1.8739 Annual Responses: 30,020.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,505. Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to notify the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Program of Commemorative Partner's planned events. Information is submitted for inclusion on the program's events calendar and to request event support in the form of materials and/or speakers from the program. The information collection is necessary to obtain, vet, record, process and provide Certificates of Honor to be presented on behalf of a grateful nation by partner organizations Additionally, this collection is necessary for the partner organizations to communicate to the Commemoration program the results of their events and lessons learned.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or tribal government, or, by exception.

eligible individuals or households.

Respondent's Obligation: Volu

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

 Federal eRulemaking Portal: http:// www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at http:// www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information

DOD Clearance Officer: Ms. Angela James.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. James at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dddod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: March 4, 2019

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2019–04173 Filed 3–7–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001–05–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Rescheduled Public Meetings and Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Mariana Islands Training and Testing

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

SUMMARY: A notice of public meetings was published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 31, 2019 for the Department of the Navy's (DoN) Draft

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area. Due to the effects of Typhoon Wutip, Navy officials postponed public meetings supporting the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS planned for February 26-27, 2019. DATES: This notice announces the dates and locations of the rescheduled public meetings in March 2019, and a 15-day extension of the public comment period from March 18, 2019, to April 2, 2019. ADDRESSES: Public meetings will be held in an open-house format with DoN representatives available to provide information and answer questions related to the Draft Supplemental EIS/ OEIS. The public may arrive at any time during meetings, as there will not be a presentation or public oral comment session. Open house public meetings will be held on the following dates and

at the following locations: 1. 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. March 14, 2019, at Tinian Public Library, San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952.

 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 15, 2019, at Mayor's Conference Hall, Songsong Village, Rota, MP 96951.

 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. March 18, 2019, at Kanoa Resort Saipan, Seaside Hall, Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.

4. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. March 19, 2019, at 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.

Attendees will be able to submit comments during the open house public meetings. Comments may also be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, or electronically via the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com. 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. All comments must be postmarked or received online by April 2, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860–3134. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS is available

Figure 8.3-3: Federal Register Notice of Rescheduled Public Meetings for the Draft SEIS/OEIS

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electronically for public viewing at www.MITT-EIS.com and at the following public libraries:

 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923-1871.

 Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr St., Hagåtña, GU 96910– 5141.

Tinian Public Library, San Jose
 Village, Tinian, MP 96952–9997.
 Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library

 Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library), Rota, MP 96951– 9997.

 Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Beach Road and Insatto St., Saipan, MP 96950– 9996.

Dated: March 1, 2019.

M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019–04019 Filed 3–7–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License; Nanocrine, Inc.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Nanocrine, Inc., of Frederick, Maryland an exclusive license in the field of use of products and services for use in cell biology research for cell signaling and phenotyping studies and the field of use of products and services for use in cell biology research for cell protein and chemical secretion, in the United States, to U.S. Patent 9,791,368: Nanoplasmonic Imaging Technique for the Spatio-temporal Mapping of Single Cell Secretions in Real Time, Navy Case No. 102,395.//U.S. Patent Application No. 15/784,433: Nanoplasmonic Imaging Technique for the Spatio-Temporal Mapping of Single Cell Secretion in Real Time, Navy Case No, 102,395.//U.S. Patent No. 9,915,654: Light Microscopy Chips and Data Analysis Methodology for Quantitative Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR) Biosensing and Imaging, Navy Case No. 101,529.//U.S. Patent Application No. 15/882,081: Light Microscopy Chips and Data Analysis Methodology for Quantitative Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR) Biosensing and Imaging, Navy Case No. 101,529.//U.S. Patent Application No. 14/039,326: Calibrating Single Plasmonic Nanostructures for Onantitative Biosensing. Navy Case No. 102,043.//U.S Patent Application No. 15/186,742: Determining Extracellular Protein Concentration with Nanoplasmonic Sensors, Navy Case No. 103,502.//U.S. Patent Application No. 16/196,097: Substrates with Indendently Tunable Topographies and Chemistries for Quantifying Surface-Induced Cell Behavior, Navy Case No. 107,399 and any continuations, divisionals, or reissues thereof.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license must file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any, not later than March 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20375– 5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Horansky McKinney, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20375–5320, telephone 202–767–1644. Due to U.S. Postal delays, please fax 202–404–7920, email: techtran@.nrl.navy.mil or use courier delivery to expedite response.

(Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.) M.S. Werner.

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019–04220 Filed 3–7–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2019 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act). The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

DATES: The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective April 8, 2019 and will remain in effect until further notice. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Cymbalsky, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 287–1692, ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ ee.doe.gov.

Francine Pinto, Esq. U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586– 7432, Francine.Pinto@hq.doe.gov. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the measurement of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) These test procedures are found in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b)(3) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323(c) of the Act. Most notably, these costs are used to comply with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements for labeling. Manufacturers are required to use the revised DOE representative average unit costs when the FTC publishes new ranges of comparability for specific covered products, 16 CFR part 305. Interested parties can also find information covering the FTC labeling requirements at http://www.ftc.gov/ appliances.

DOE last published representative average unit costs of residential energy in a Federal Register notice entitled, "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy", dated April 24, 2018, 83 FR 17811.

On April 8, 2019, the cost figures published in this notice will become effective and supersede those cost figures published on April 24, 2018. The cost figures set forth in this notice will be effective until further notice.

DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2019 representative average unit aftertax residential costs found in this notice. These costs for electricity,

Figure 8.3-3: Federal Register Notice of Rescheduled Public Meetings for the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)



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and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of State Lands, and Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Àlternatives. The EIS will evaluate a no action alternative and action alternatives. The no action alternative is the current management direction for the WVS. Action alternatives will be composed of various measures for continued operations and maintenance of the WVS, as well as measures that will be developed to meet ESA obligations to avoid jeopardizing the continued existence of listed species. Comments received during the scoping comment period will inform the development of action alternatives.

Scoping Process/Public Involvement. The Corps invites all affected federal, state, and local agencies, affected Native American Tribes, other interested parties, and the general public to participate in the NEPA process during development of the EIS. The purpose of the public scoping process is to provide information to the public, narrow the scope of analysis to significant environmental issues, serve as a mechanism to solicit agency and public input on alternatives and issues of concern, and ensure full and open participation in scoping for the Draft EIS. Numerous public scoping meetings will be held during the scoping period. The specific dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be published on the Corps' project website: https:// www.mwp.usace.army.mil/Locations/ Willamette-Vallev/Evaluation/.

This is not a notice for the public comment periods for the Cougar Downstream Passage and Detroit Downstream Passage projects; public comment periods for those projects will be noticed separately.

Documents and other important information related to the EIS will be available for review on the Corps' project website.

Aaron L. Dorf, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Distr Commander.

[FR Doc. 2019-06258 Filed 3-29-19; 8:45 am BILLING CODE 3720-58-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) announces the availability of the inventions listed below, assigned to the United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, for domestic and foreign licensing by the Department of the Navy.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents cited should be directed to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Christopher Monsey, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Div, Code OOL, Bldg 2, 300 Highway 361, Crane, IN 47522–5001, Email Christopher.Monsev@navy.mil. 812–

854-2777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following patents are available for licensing: Patent No. 10,200,081 (Navy Case No. 200348): SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SIGNAL DETECTION AND DIGITAL BANDWIDTH REDUCTION IN DIGITAL PHASED ARRAYS// Patent No. 10,204,875 (Navy Case No. 200421): SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INHIBITING BACKENI ACCESS TO INTEGRATED CIRCUITS BY INTEGRATING PHOTON AND ELECTRON SENSING LATCH-UP CIRCUITS// Patent No. 10,209,342 (Navy Case No. 200479): ELECTROMACNETIC RADIATION SOURCE LOCATING SYSTEM/ and Patent No. 10,215,531 (Navy Case No. 200357): TESTING SYSTEM FOR OPTICAL AIMING SYSTEMS WITH LIGHT EMITITER SYSTEMS INCLUDING TESTING SYSTEM FOR THERMAL DRIFT AND RELATED METHODS.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404. Dated: March 26, 2019.

M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps U.S. Navy, Federal Begister Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019–06163 Filed 3–29–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Mariana Islands Training and Testing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. ACTION: Notice. SUMMARY: A notice of public meetings was published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on January 31, 2019 and March 8, 2019 for the Department of the Navy's (DoN) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Study Area.

DATES: This notice announces a 15-day extension of the public comment period from April 2, 2019, to April 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific, Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134, or electronically via the project website at www.MITT-EIS.com. 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. All comments must be postmarked or received online by April 17, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS is available electronically for public viewing at www.MITT-EIS.com and at the following public libraries:

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 Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr St., Hagåtña, GU 96910– 5141.

 Tinian Public Library, San Jose Village, Tinian, MP 96952–9997.

 Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library), Rota, MP 96951– 9997.

 Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Beach Road and Insatto St., Saipan, MP 96950– 9996.

Dated: March 25, 2019.

M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2019–06028 Filed 3–29–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF-P

Figure 8.3-4: Federal Register Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft SEIS/OEIS

8.3.1 Notification of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Public Review and Comment Period and Public Meetings

The Navy made significant efforts to notify the public of the release of the Draft SEIS/OEIS and the dates and locations of the public meetings to maximize participation during the Draft SEIS/OEIS public review and comment period. A summary of these efforts follows.

8.3.1.1 Notification Letters

Stakeholder letters were mailed January 30, 2019, first-class to 218 federal and local elected officials and agency representatives. Entities that received the notification letters are listed in Table 8.3-1, and Figure 8.3-5 provides an example of the notification letter.

Table 8.3-1: Federal and Local Entities that Received the Draft SEIS/OEIS Notification Letter

| Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies U.S. Congress | | | |
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| U.S. Congress | | | |
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| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | | | |
| National Ocean Service | | | |
| National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Division, Guam Office | | | |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | | | |
| U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | | | |
| Guam National Wildlife Refuge | | | |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture | | | |
| Natural Resource Conservation Service, West Area Office | | | |
| Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services | | | |
| Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration | | | |
| National Park Service | | | |
| War in the Pacific National Historic Park | | | |
| Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council | | | |
| Guam Education & Outreach | | | |
| Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies | | | |
| Office of the Governor | | | |
| Office of the Senator | | | |
| 34th Guam Legislature | | | |
| Mayors' Council of Guam | | | |
| Office of the Mayor | | | |
| Village of Agana Heights | | | |
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| Village of Asan-Maina | | | |
| Village of Barrigada | | | |
| Village of Chalan Pago-Ordot | | | |
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| Village of Inarajan | | | |
| Village of Mangilao | | | |
| Village of Merizo | | | |
| Village of Mongmong-Toto-Maite | | | |
| Village of Piti | | | |
| Village of Santa Rita | | | |
| Village of Sinajana | | | |
| Village of Talofofo | | | |
| Village of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon | | | |
| Village of Umatac | | | |
| Village of Yigo | | | |

| Village of Yona |
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| A.B. Won Pat International Airport |
| Consolidated Utility Services |
| Department of Labor |
| Guam Ancestral Lands Commission |
| Guam Army National Guard |
| Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans |
| Coastal Management Program |
| Guam Chamorro Land Trust Commission |
| Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities |
| Guam Department of Agriculture |
| Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources |
| Guam Department of Education |
| Guam Department of Land Management |
| Guam Department of Parks and Recreation |
| Historic Preservation Office |
| Guam Department of Public Works |
| Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority |
| Guam Environmental Protection Agency |
| Water Resources Management Program |
| Guam Homeland Security |
| Office of Civil Defense |
| Guam Land Use Commission |
| Guam Visitors Bureau |
| Guam Waterworks Authority |
| Northern Guam Pacific Islands Area Soil and Water Conservation Districts |
| Port Authority of Guam |
| University of Guam |
| Water and Environmental Research Institute |
| Marine Laboratory |
| Cooperative Extension Service |
| U.S. Marshals Service, District of Guam |
| Saipan |
| Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies |
| U.S. Congress |
| U.S. Department of the Interior |
| Office of Insular Affairs |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service |
| Saipan Service Center |
| Tinian & Aguiguan Service Center |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| National Marine Fisheries Service |
| Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Field Office |
| Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council |
| Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies |
| Office of the Governor |
| CNMI Senate |
| CNMI House of Representatives |
| CNMI Office of the Mayor |
| CNMI Public Information and Protocol Office |
| CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality |
| Division of Environmental Quality |
| Division of Coastal Resources Management |
| Marine Monitoring |
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| Military Integration Management Committee | | | |
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| Historic Preservation Office | | | |
| CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources | | | |
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| Division of Agriculture | | | |
| Division of Parks and Recreation | | | |
| Soil and Water Conservation District | | | |
| CNMI Department of Public Lands | | | |
| CNMI Department of Public Safety | | | |
| Office of the Commissioner | | | |
| Tinian Fire Division | | | |
| CNMI Military and Veteran Affairs | | | |
| CNMI Northern Marianas College Cooperative, Research, Extension and Education Service | | | |
| CNMI Zoning Office | | | |
| Commonwealth Ports Authority | | | |
| Marianas Visitors Authority | | | |
| Port of Saipan | | | |
| Saipan International Airport | | | |
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| Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies | | | |
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| Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan | | | |
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| Council on Environmental Quality | | | |
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| Department of the Interior | | | |
| Environmental Policy & Compliance | | | |
| Office of Insular Affairs | | | |
| Federal Aviation Administration | | | |
| Air Traffic Division, Western Pacific Region (AWP-532) | | | |
| Military Program | | | |
| Western Pacific Region | | | |
| Bureau of Certification and Licensing | | | |
| Federal Maritime Commission | | | |
| Office of the Secretary | | | |
| Marianas Trench Marine National Monument | | | |
| Marine Mammal Commission | | | |
| U.S. Department of Transportation | | | |
| Maritime Administration | | | |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | | | |
| Office of Law Enforcement, Honolulu District | | | |
| National Marine Fisheries Service | | | |
| Headquarters | | | |
| Habitat Division | | | |
| Protected Resources Division | | | |
| Office for Coastal Management | | | |
| Office of Protected Resources | | | |
| Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center | | | |
| Pacific Islands Regional Office | | | |
| U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters | | | |
| Office of Environmental Management (CG-47) | | | |
| U.S. Department of the Interior | | | |
| Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance | | | |
| Office of Insular Affairs | | | |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | | | |
| Pacific Islands Office | | | |
| Pacific Region | | | |
| U.S. Geological Survey | | | |
| Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center | | | |
| Pacific Islands Water Science Center | | | |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service | | | |
| Pacific Southwest Region 5 | | | |
| Pacific Southwest Research Station | | | |
| Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry U.S. Department of Agriculture | | | |
| Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service | | | |
| Wildlife Services | | | |
| Natural Resources Conservation Service | | | |
| Office of the Chief | | | |
| Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council | | | |
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY COMMANDER UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET 250 MAKALAPA DRIVE PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII 96860-3131

> N REPLY REFER TO: 5090 Ser N465/0059 January 14, 2019

The Honorable Vinnie V. Sablan Senator, Saipan CNMI Senate P.O. Box 500129 Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Senator Sablan:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This letter is to inform you that the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared a draft supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing at-sea and Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) military readiness activities conducted within the MITT EIS/OEIS Study Area (hereafter referred to as the "Study Area"). Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation activities (hereafter referred to as "training and testing"). The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

In May 2015, the Navy completed an EIS/OEIS for training and testing activities occurring within the Study Area from 2015 through 2020. The supplement to the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS supports ongoing and future activities conducted within the Study Area at sea and on FDM. 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.

In the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluates new, relevant information, such as more recent marine mammal density data and new scientific information, and updates the environmental analyses as appropriate. The Navy prepared the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS to support the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The Study Area remains unchanged since the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS. The Study Area includes the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), additional areas on the high seas outside of the MIRC, a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex, and

Figure 8.3-5: Stakeholder Letter for the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS

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Navy piers located in Apra Harbor (Enclosure 1). Other activities and land components associated with the MIRC (except FDM) are not considered in the supplement.

The Proposed Action is 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 U.S. military services meet their respective missions, which, for the Navy is to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas, consistent with Congressional direction in Section 5062 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

To achieve and maintain military readiness, the Navy proposes to:

- Conduct at-sea training and testing activities at levels required to support military readiness requirements beyond 2020; and
- Accommodate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from the development, testing, and introduction of new vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the fleet.

The Navy will hold two open house public meetings to provide information, answer questions, and give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. The public may arrive at any time between 5 to 8 p.m., as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session. The meeting will be held at the following locations:

Guam:

| Date: | Tuesday, February 26, 2019 |
|-----------|--|
| Location: | 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 |
| | Mangilao, Guam 96923 |

Saipan:

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Location: Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall Beach Road in Susupe Saipan, MP 96950

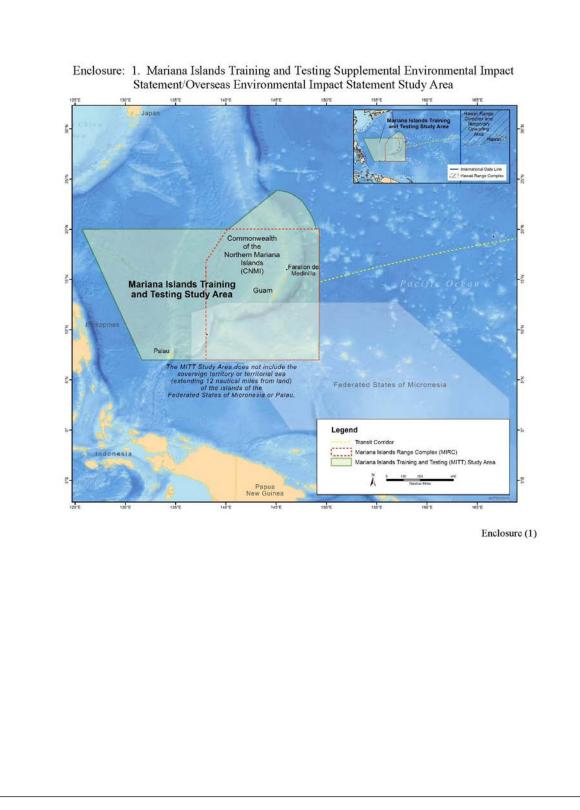
To review the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS and for additional information, including details on the key differences between the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and the 2019 Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, please visit the project website at **www.MITT-EIS.com**. The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS is also available at the following local public libraries:

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Figure 8.3-5: Stakeholder Letter for the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)

5090 Ser N465/0059 January 14, 2019 Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library Tinian Public Library University of Guam San Jose Village **UOG** Station Tinian, MP 96952 Mangilao, GU 96923 Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library (Rota Public Library) 254 Martyr St. Rota, MP 96951 Hagåtña, GU 96910 Joeten-Kivu Public Library Beach Road and Insatto St. Saipan, MP 96950 The public comment period begins February 1, 2019, and will close on March 18, 2019. All comments must be postmarked or received online by March 18, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. 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 If you would like to receive additional information or a project briefing, please contact Mr. John Van Name at 808-471-1714, or john.vanname@navy.mil. Please help the Navy inform the community about the availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS and public meetings by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals. Sincerely, aberstore Timothy C. Liberatore Captain, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy Deputy Fleet Civil Engineer By direction of the Commander Enclosure: 1. Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Study Area 3

Figure 8.3-5: Stakeholder Letter for the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)





8.3.1.2 Postcard Mailers

Postcards were mailed January 30, 2019, first-class from Guam to 350 recipients on the project mailing list, including individuals; nongovernmental organizations; community and business groups; fishing, aviation, and recreation groups; and private companies. A second postcard mailer announcing the rescheduled public meeting information and the 15-day extension of the public review and comment period was mailed first-class March 6, 2019, to 568 recipients, including federal and local elected officials and agency representatives, individuals, community and business groups, nongovernmental organizations, and media. The postcards included the dates, locations, and times of the public meetings, as well as the project website address for more information, commenting information, and a brief summary of the Proposed Action. The postcard mailers are shown in Figure 8.3-6 and Figure 8.3-7.

MARIANA ISLANDS

Training and Testing Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy invites you to attend public meetings for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

The Navy evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting ongoing and future activities at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the MITT Study Area beyond 2020. The Navy requests and welcomes substantive public comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

You can participate in a variety of ways:

- Visit www.MITT-EIS.com to learn more about the project, download a copy of the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, and submit comments online.
- Provide comments during the open house public meetings.
- Access the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS at the following public libraries:
 University of Guam, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library
 - Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library
 - Tinian Public Library
 - Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
 - Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library Rota Public Library
- Mail written comments to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Attention: MITT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS 5 TO 8 P.M.

The public may arrive anytime during the open house public meetings. Military representatives will be available to discuss the Proposed Action and the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. No presentation or formal oral comment session will be conducted.

GUAM

TUESDAY, FEB. 26, 2019 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 Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall Beach Road in Susupe Saipan, MP 96950

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The purpose of the Proposed Action is the same as the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS. The proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and are similar to activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

THE NAVY REQUESTS YOUR INPUT!

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

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



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The purpose of the Proposed Action is the same as the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS. The proposed activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and are similar to activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

Comment Period Extended: All comments must be postmarked or received online by **April 2, 2019**, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

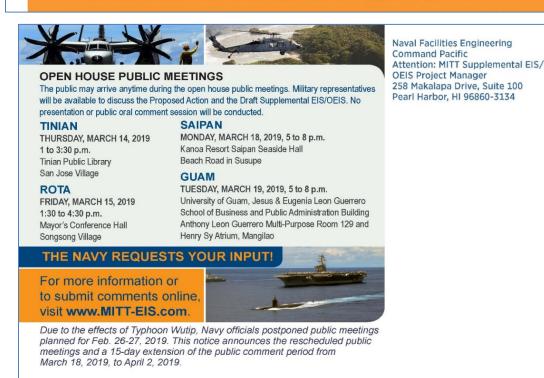


Figure 8.3-7: Notice of the Draft SEIS/OEIS Rescheduled Public Meetings and Comment Period Extension Postcard Mailer (Front and Back)

8.3.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were published in three local and regional newspapers announcing the Notice of Availability/Notice of Public Meetings beginning February 1, 2019, through February 26, 2019. A display advertisement announcing the rescheduled public meetings was published March 7, 2019, through March 18, 2019. An additional display advertisement announcing the public comment extension period was published April 1, 2019, through April 3, 2019. The advertisements included a brief description of the Proposed Action, the project website address, the duration of the comment period, and information on how to provide comments. The newspapers and publication dates are indicated in Table 8.3-2. Examples of the advertisements are shown in Figure 8.3-8, Figure 8.3-9, and Figure 8.3-10.

| Newspaper | Newspaper Coverage | Publication Dates | |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| | Hagåtña, Guam; and neighboring islands | Notice of Availability/Notice of Public Meetings: | |
| | | Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 | |
| | | Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 | |
| | | Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 | |
| | | Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 | |
| | | Meeting Reschedule Notice: | |
| Pacific Daily News | | Friday, March 8, 2019 | |
| Fucific Dully News | | Saturday, March 16, 2019 | |
| | | Sunday, March 17, 2019 | |
| | | Monday, March 18, 2019 | |
| | | Comment Period Extension Notice: | |
| | | Monday, April 1, 2019 | |
| | | Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | |
| | | Wednesday, April 3, 2019 | |
| | Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Federated States of Micronesia | Notice of Availability/Notice of Public Meetings: | |
| | | Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 | |
| | | Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 | |
| | | Meeting Reschedule Notice: | |
| | | Thursday, March 7, 2019 | |
| Marianas Variatu | | Tuesday, March 12, 2019 | |
| Marianas Variety | | Wednesday, March 13, 2019 | |
| | | Thursday, March 14, 2019 | |
| | | Comment Period Extension Notice: | |
| | | Monday, April 1, 2019 | |
| | | Tuesday, April 2, 2019 | |
| | | Wednesday, April 3, 2019 | |

Table 8.3-2: Newspaper Publications of Draft SEIS/OEIS and Public Meetings

Table 8.3-2: Newspaper Publications of Draft SEIS/OEIS and Public Meetings (continued)

| Newspaper | Newspaper Coverage | Publication Dates |
|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Saipan Tribune | Saipan, Tinian, Rota | Notice of Availability/Notice of Public Meetings: |
| | | Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 |
| | | Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 |
| | | Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019 |
| | | Meeting Reschedule Notice: |
| | | Thursday, March 7, 2019 |
| | | Tuesday, March 12, 2019 |
| | | Wednesday, March 13, 2019 |
| | | Thursday, March 14, 2019 |
| | | Comment Period Extension Notice: |
| | | Monday, April 1, 2019 |
| | | Tuesday, April 2, 2019 |
| | | Wednesday, April 3, 2019 |



University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library, and Rota Public Library.

Figure 8.3-8: Newspaper Announcement of the Draft SEIS/OEIS Availability and Public Meetings

| The U.S. Navy INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS Public Involvement Process | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Due to the effects of Typhoon Wutip, Navy officials postponed public meetings planned for Feb. 26-27, 2019. This notice announces the rescheduled public meetings and a 15-day extension of the comment period. The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing military readiness activities conducted within the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS Study Area. The draft supplement to the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS supports ongoing and future activities conducted within the Study Area: at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM). | | | | | |
| Public InvolvementThe Navy welcomes your review and commentson the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Commentsmay be submitted at the public meetings, online at www.MITT-EIS.com, or by mail to:Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific Attention: MITT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100 Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134Comments must be postmarked or received online by April 2, 2019, Chamoro Standard Time, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. | Open House Pri Arrive and submit comments at No presentation or public oral com TINIAN, Thursday, March 14, 2019 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tinian Public Library San Jose Village ROTA, Friday, March 15, 2019 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mayor's Conference Hall Songsong Village SAIPAN, Monday, March 18, 2019 5 to 8 p.m. Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall Beach Road in Susupe | nytime during the open house. | | | |
| The draft document is available online at www.MITT-EIS.com or at the following public libraries: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library, and Rota Public Library. | | | | | |

Figure 8.3-9: Newspaper Announcement of the Draft SEIS/OEIS Availability and Rescheduled Public Meetings

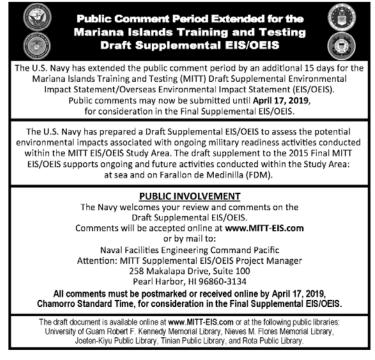


Figure 8.3-10: Newspaper Announcement of the Draft SEIS/OEIS Public Comment Extension Period

8.3.1.4 Press Releases

Commander, Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office distributed press releases to local and regional media outlets February 4, 2019; March 6, 2019; and March 28, 2019. The press releases provided a description of the Proposed Action; address of the project website; duration of the comment period and commenting methods; location of the information repositories; and location, dates, and times of the public meetings. The press releases provided information on the availability of the Navy to meet with the media in advance of the meetings. The press releases from the Commander, Joint Region Marianas are shown in Figure 8.3-11, Figure 8.3-12, and Figure 8.3-13.

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COMMANDER, JOINT REGION MARIANAS Public Affairs Office Main: (671) 349-2113/5207 Fax: (671) 349-1201 E-Mail: CJRMPAO@fe.navy.mil



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Press Release 19-012

Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft SEIS/OEIS Available for Public Review and Comment

ASAN, Guam (Feb. 4, 2019) – The U.S. Navy has prepared a draft supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS).

In the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting ongoing and future military readiness activities within the Study Area at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla.

The Navy requests and welcomes substantive public comments on the MITT Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action is 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, which remains the same as the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS, is to maintain a ready force to ensure the military can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces.

The proposed at-sea training and testing activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and are similar to activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

The MITT Study Area includes:

- The Mariana Islands Range Complex
- Areas on the high seas to the north and west of the Mariana Islands Range Complex
- A transit corridor between the Mariana Islands Range Complex and the Hawaii Range Complex, starting at the International Date Line
- Apra Harbor and select Navy pierside and harbor locations

The Study Area has not changed since the 2015 Final EIS/OEIS. In the Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy analyzes only the training and testing activities conducted at sea and on FDM within the

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Figure 8.3-11: Press Release of the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS

Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS

Study Area. Other activities and land areas are not included and remain covered under the 2015 analysis and associated authorizations.

Please visit the project website at <u>www.MITT-EIS.com</u> to download the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS and submit substantive comments online.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIS/OEIS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The Navy is seeking public review and comment on the Proposed Action and alternatives and the accuracy and adequacy of the environmental analysis. The Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS is available for public review online at <u>www.MITT-EIS.com</u> and at the following locations:

<u>GUAM</u> Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library University of Guam UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923

Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library 254 Martyr St. Hagåtña, GU 96910 SAIPAN Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Beach Road and Insatto St. Saipan, MP 96950

<u>TINIAN</u> Tinian Public Library San Jose Village Tinian, MP 96952

ROTA Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library Rota, MP 96951

The Navy will accept comments throughout the public comment period, which ends March 18. All comments must be postmarked or received online by **March 18, 2019**, Chamorro Standard Time, for consideration 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

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The Navy will hold two open house public meetings to provide information, answer questions, and give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. The public may arrive at any time between 5-8 p.m., as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

GUAM Date: **Tuesday, Feb. 26** Location: University of Guam

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Figure 8.3-11: Press Release of the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)

Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS

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

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 27 Location: Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall Beach Road in Susupe Saipan, MP 96950

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Media will have an opportunity to speak with key project personnel before each meeting at 4:30 p.m. Media interested in attending or seeking further information should contact Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs, 1-671-349-2113.

Figure 8.3-11: Press Release of the Notification of Availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)

COMMANDER, JOINT REGION MARIANAS Public Affairs Office Main: (671) 349-2113 Fax: (671) 349-1201 E-Mail: CJRMPAO@fe.navy.mil



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Press Release 19-023

MITT Draft SEIS/OEIS Public Comment Period Extended, Public Meetings Announced

SANTA RITA, Guam (March 6, 2019) – The U.S. Navy invites the public to attend open house public meetings for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement.

Due to the effects of Typhoon Wutip, Navy officials postponed public meetings supporting the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS planned for Feb. 26-27. Rescheduled public meeting dates and locations are listed below.

The public comment period has been extended by 15 days from March 18 to **April 2**. The Navy will host separate meetings on Guam and in the CNMI in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to specifically focus on effects to historic properties. The purpose of the section 106 meetings are to engage with existing consulting parties.

In the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing and future military readiness activities conducted within the Study Area at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla. The Navy requests and welcomes substantive public comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The Navy will hold four open house public meetings to provide information, answer questions, and give the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. The public may arrive at any time during the meetings, as there will not be a presentation or public oral comment session. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

 TINIAN
 Thursday, March 14, 1-3:30 p.m.

 Location:
 Tinian Public Library

 San Jose Village
 Tinian, MP

Figure 8.3-12: Press Release of the Public Comment Period Extension and Public Meetings for the Draft SEIS/OEIS

ROTA
Date:Friday, March 15, 1:30-4:30 p.m.Location:Mayor's Conference HallSongsong Village
Rota, MPKet All

SAIPAN

Date: Monday, March 18, 5- 8 p.m. Location: Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall Beach Road in Susupe Saipan, MP

<u>GUAM</u>

| Date: | Tuesday, March 19, 5-8 p.m. |
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| Location: | 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 |

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Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Beach Road and Insatto St. Saipan, MP 96950

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Figure 8.3-12: Press Release of the Public Comment Period Extension and Public Meetings for the Draft SEIS/OEIS (continued)

Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted online at <u>www.MITT-EIS.com</u>, at the public meetings, or by mail to:

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

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action is 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, which remains the same as the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS, is to maintain a ready force to ensure the military can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces.

The proposed at-sea training and testing activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT Final EIS/OEIS and are similar to activities the military has conducted in the Study Area for decades.

Visit the project website at <u>www.MITT-EIS.com</u> to download the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS and submit substantive comments online.

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Media will have an opportunity to speak with key project personnel 30 minutes before the start of each meeting. Media interested in attending or seeking further information should contact Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs, 1-671-349-2113.

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COMMANDER, JOINT REGION MARIANAS Public Affairs Office Main: (671) 349-2113 Fax: (671) 349-1201 E-Mail: CJRMPAO@fe.navy.mil



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Press Release 19-028

MITT Draft SEIS/OEIS Public Comment Period Extended

ASAN, Guam (March 28, 2019) – The U.S. Navy extended the public comment period by 15 days from April 2, to April 17, for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

In the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with ongoing and future military readiness activities conducted within the Study Area at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla. The Navy requests and welcomes substantive public comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIS/OEIS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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8.3.1.5 Subscriber Email Notifications

Project information was also distributed via the project website subscriber's email distribution list. Website subscribers from the scoping phase were carried forward into the Draft SEIS/OEIS phase, beginning with 24 initial website subscribers. An email notification was sent to website subscribers on February 1, 2019, to announce the availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS for review and comment and public meetings. A second email was sent on March 6, 2019, announcing the rescheduled public meetings and 15-day extended public comment and review period. A third email was sent on March 27, 2019, announcing an additional 15-day public comment period extension. As of September 2019, there are 48 website subscribers.

8.3.2 Public Meetings

The Navy held four public meetings to inform the public about the Proposed Action and to solicit public comments on the Draft SEIS/OEIS. The public meetings included informational poster and video stations staffed by Navy representatives. A stenographer was available to transcribe one-on-one oral comments; written comments were submitted at any time during the meetings. Members of the public could arrive at any time during the public meetings, which were held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. In total, 109 people attended the four meetings. The public meeting locations and dates are shown in Table 8.3-3.

| Area Location | Meeting Venue | Date |
|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| Tinian | Tinian Public Library | Thursday, March 14, 2019 |
| Rota | Mayor's Conference Hall | Friday, March 15, 2019 |
| Saipan | Kanoa Resort Saipan Seaside Hall | Monday, March 18, 2019 |
| Guam | University of Guam Multipurpose Room | Tuesday, March 19, 2019 |

Table 8.3-3: Public Meeting Locations

8.4 Comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Throughout the public comment period, a total of 318 unique comments were received. Public comments on the Draft SEIS/OEIS were submitted in three ways:

- Written letters (received any time during the public comment period) (8 comments).
- Comments submitted at a public meeting (written or oral) (written: 7 comments; oral: 0 comments).
- Comments submitted directly on the project website (received any time during the public comment period) (303 comments).

Appendix K (Public Comment Responses) contains the comments received on the Draft SEIS/OEIS and the Navy's responses.

8.5 Distribution of the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

All parties notified of the availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS were directed to view the document electronically on the project website (www.mitt-eis.com) or to access hard and CD/DVD copies as available at the information repositories discussed in Section 8.5.2 (Information Repositories).

Due to the widespread outbreak of respiratory illness from the novel coronavirus disease, designated as COVID-19, and federal and territorial guidance on social distancing resulting in the temporary closure of government offices and public facilities, the Navy mailed flash drives containing the Final SEIS/OEIS to all stakeholders and interested parties on the project mailing list. The Final SEIS/OEIS was also available for viewing on the project website and sent to information repositories.

8.5.1 Federal Agencies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received a hard copy and electronic version (CD/DVD) of the Draft and Final SEIS/OEIS. Regional offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received electronic versions of the Draft and Final SEIS/OEIS. The National Marine Fisheries Service headquarters office received a hard copy and electronic copy of the Draft and Final SEIS/OEIS.

8.5.2 Information Repositories

The Draft and Final SEIS/OEIS were mailed in hard copy form along with an electronic CD/DVD to the information repository locations shown in Table 8.5-1. For the Final SEIS/OEIS, the public was encouraged to check with the library regarding its hours of operation and the availability of the document, depending on COVID-19 conditions regulating access to public facilities.

| Repository Name | Address |
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| Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library | UOG Station, |
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| Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library | Hagåtña, Guam 96910 |
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| Tinian Public Library | Tinian, MP 96952 |
| Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library) | Rota, MP 96951 |
| Joeten-Kiyu Public Library | Beach Road and Insatto Street Saipan, MP 96950-1092 |

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