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COMMANDER, U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, PACIFIC
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HI 96861-4139

Mr. Richard Lobo
Director
International Broadcasting Bureau
330 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4069
Washington, DC 20237

Dear Mr. Lobo:

Subj: COOPERATING AGENCY REQUEST FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) JOINT MILITARY TRAINING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEA ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT

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Ms. Sherri Eng is the Environmental Planning Program Team Lead for MARFORPAC and will contact International Broadcasting Bureau staff to address specific details of this Cooperating Agency relationship. In the meantime, should there be any questions; Ms. Eng can be reached at (808) 477-5814, or email at sherri.eng@usmc.mil.



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LTC Thomas D. Asbery
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Dear LTC Asbery:

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Mr. Dan Ashe
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Dear Mr. Ashe:

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Dr. Loyal Meyerhoff



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Mr. Michael P. Huerta
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
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Washington, DC 20591

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Ms. Eileen Sobek
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Dear Ms. Sobek:

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Mr. Samuel Rauch III
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Mr. Rauch:

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Mr. Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
United States Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
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Subject: Cooperating Agency Request for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS)/ Oversea Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS)

Dear Mr. Whelden:

This is in response to your letter dated March 8, 2013, requesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to participate as a cooperating agency on the preparation of the subject EIS/OEIS. We appreciate the offer to be a cooperating agency. However, current staffing and workload constraints preclude our ability to accept this request; therefore, we respectfully decline cooperating agency status.

The Service recognizes the importance of our collaboration in the development of the EIS/OEIS and in the section 7 consultation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended. The Service will continue to provide technical assistance regarding aspects of draft EIS/OEIS documents as requested and will respond to Marine Corps requests for information. The Service also will continue to work collaboratively with the Marine Corps and assist you with ensuring that the best available scientific information is used in the EIS/OEIS, and the impacts to ESA-listed species and other natural resources are avoided and minimized.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Leilani Takano, Fish and Wildlife Biologist (phone: 671-355-5096; email: leilani_takano@fws.gov).

Sincerely,



Loyal Mehrhoff
Field Supervisor



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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THE DIRECTOR

MAR 19 2013

Commander Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific
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Dear Commander Whelden:

Thank you for your letter requesting that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS). NMFS supports the Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) decision to prepare this EIS/OEIS and agrees to be a cooperating agency, due, in part, to our responsibilities under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

We will make every effort to support the Navy in the specific ways described in your letter. Therefore, NMFS, to the maximum extent practicable, will:

- Participate in scoping, review, and hearing processes, as necessary.
- Respond to MARFORPAC requests for information, in particular those related to the acoustic effects analysis and the evaluation of the effectiveness of protection and mitigation measures, in a timely manner.
- Make staff available to the maximum degree possible, at the lead agency's request, to support and enhance the latter's interdisciplinary capability.
- Adhere to the overall schedule as agreed upon by NMFS and MARFORPAC.

If you need any additional information, please contact Ms. Jolie Harrison, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, at (301) 427-8420.

Sincerely,

Samuel D. Rauch III
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for Regulatory Programs,
performing the functions and duties of the
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries





U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

MAR 22 2013

Mr. Craig B. Wheldon
Executive Director
Commander, U.S Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
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Dear Mr. Wheldon:

Thank you for your letter requesting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) participate as a cooperating agency in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training.

Since the proposal potentially involves special use airspace (SUA), the FAA will cooperate following the guidelines described in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FAA and the Department of Defense Concerning SUA Environmental Actions, dated October 4, 2005, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 1501.6, NEPA regulations regarding cooperating agencies.

Modification of SUA resides under the jurisdiction of the Western Service Center, Operations Support Group, 1601 Lind Ave. SW, Renton, Washington. The Western Service Center will be the primary focal point for matters related to airspace and associated environmental matters. Mr. Clark Desing is the Manager of the Operations Support Group. FAA Order 7400.2, Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters, Chapter 32, indicates the airspace and environmental processes should be conducted in tandem as much as possible; however, they are separate processes. Approval of either the aeronautical process or the environmental process does not automatically indicate approval of the entire proposal. I have enclosed Appendix 2, 3, and 4 of FAA Order 7400.2 for additional details.

A copy of the incoming correspondence and this response is being forwarded to Mr. Desing of the Western Service Center, Operations Support Group. Mr. Desing can be contacted at 425-203-4500 for further processing of your proposal.

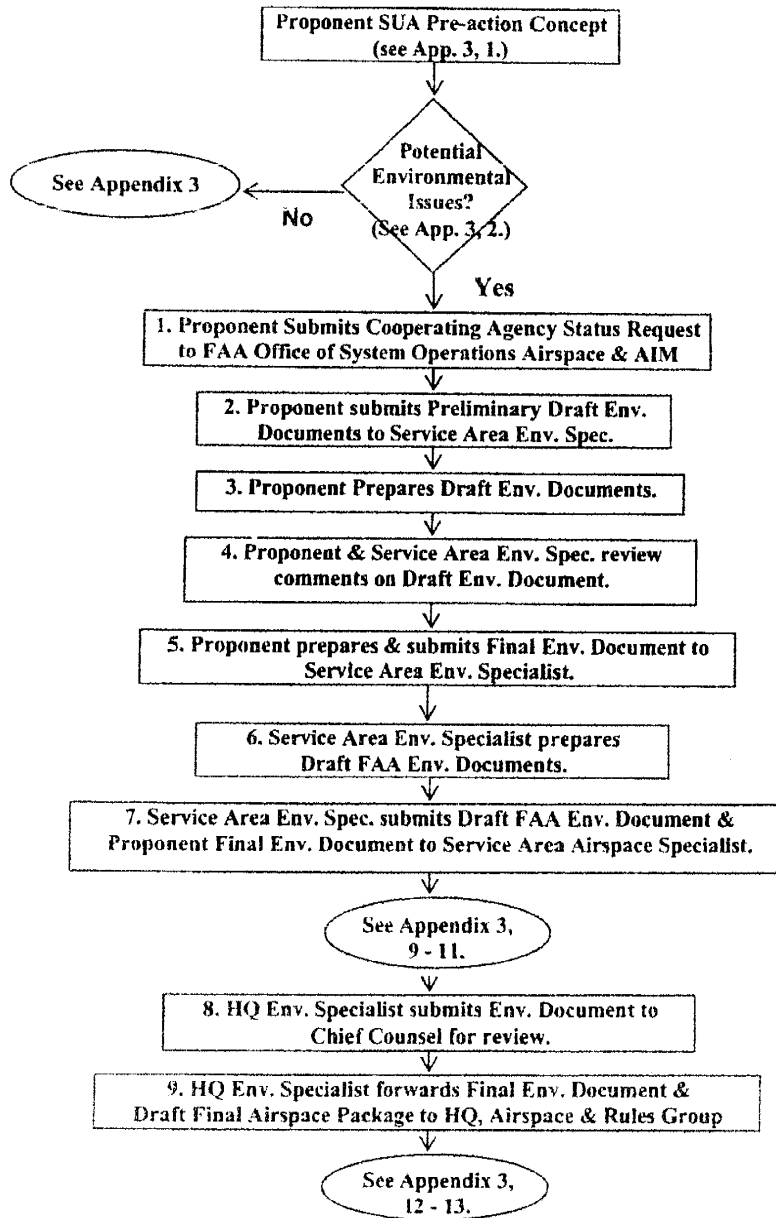
Sincerely,

Dennis E. Roberts
Director, Airspace Services
Air Traffic Organization

3 Enclosures

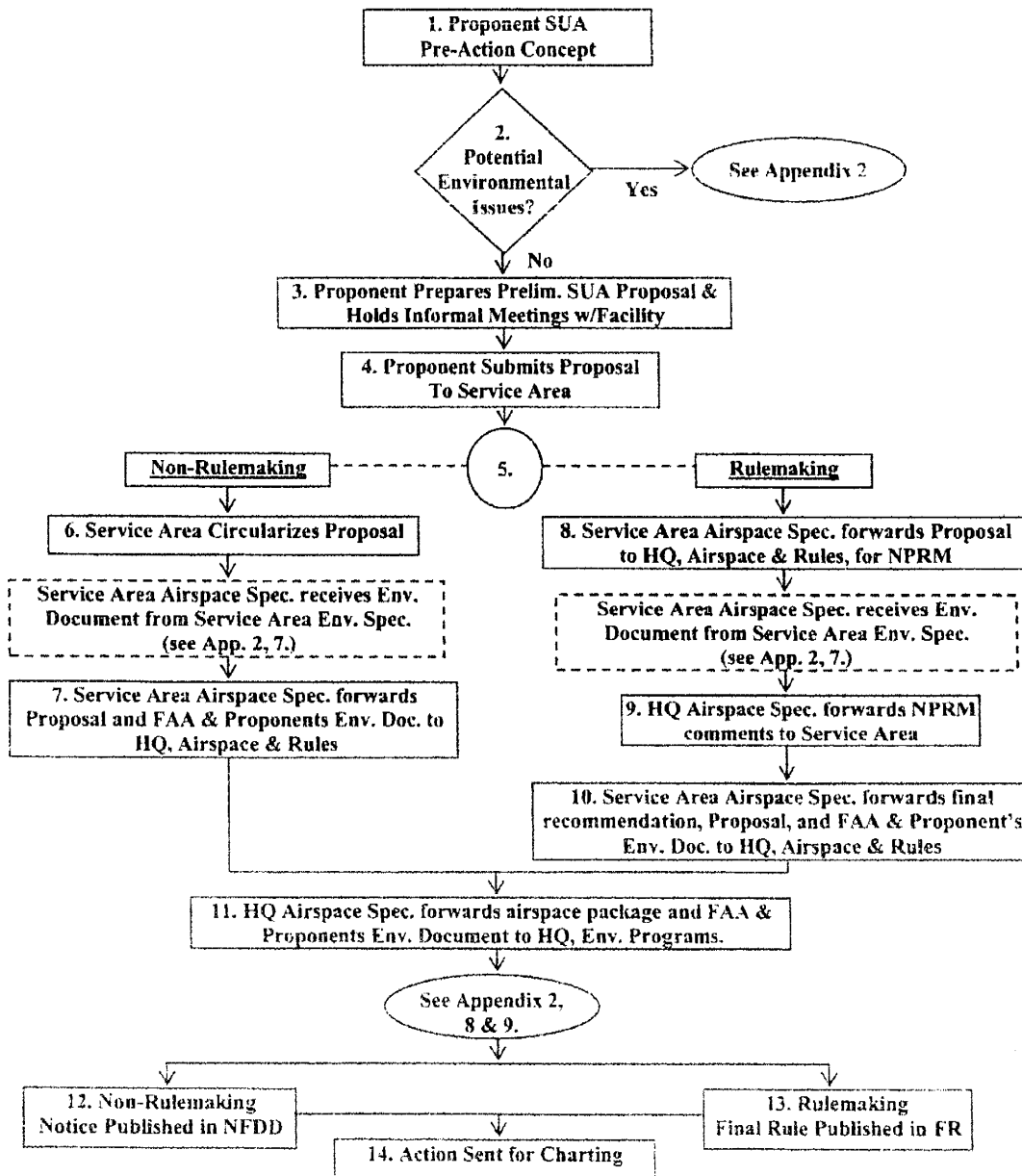
Appendix 2. Procedures For Processing SUA Actions Environmental Process Flow Chart

(This Chart is for use with Appendix 4 and the numbers correlate to the numbers in the Environmental column of that table.)



Appendix 3. Procedures For Processing SUA Actions Aeronautical Process Flow Chart

(This Appendix is for use with Appendix 4 and the numbers correlate to the numbers in the Aeronautical column of that table.)



Appendix 4. FAA Procedures for Processing SUA Actions Aeronautical and Environmental Summary Table

(The aeronautical and environmental processes may not always occur in parallel.)

(This Appendix is for use with Appendix 2 and Appendix 3, and the numbers correlate to numbers on those charts.)

(See note below.)

AERONAUTICAL	ENVIRONMENTAL
<p>1. Proponent shall present to the Facility a Pre-draft concept (i.e., new/ revisions to SUA needed or required).</p>	<p>1. Proponent shall discuss with the Service Area, at the earliest time, the potential for environmental impacts associated with the proposal.</p>
	<p>2. If there is the potential for environmental impacts, Proponent shall make a request to the FAA for a Cooperating Agency (CA) status when Proponent decides to initiate the environmental process. Proponent shall forward the request to the Director of the System Operations Airspace and AIM. The Director will transmit the request to the Environmental Programs Group who prepares and forwards the response to Proponent. The Environmental Programs Group will send a courtesy copy of the response to the responsible Service Area. The Service Area environmental specialist works as the FAA point of contact throughout the process in development of any required environmental documentation.</p>
	<p>3. Proponent submits a Preliminary Draft EA or EIS to the Service Area environmental specialist.</p> <p>The Service Area environmental specialist shall provide comments, in consultation with the airspace specialist and the Environmental Programs Group, back to Proponent.</p>

<p>2. Proponent forwards the aeronautical proposal to the FAA Service Area for review and processing by the airspace specialist.</p>	<p>4. Proponent prepares a Draft EA or EIS with a 45-day public comment period. As the FAA CA point of contact, the Service Area environmental specialist reviews the associated draft environmental documentation to ensure that the Proponent addressed adequately all environmental concerns submitted on the Preliminary Draft. If required, the Service Area environmental specialist forwards the draft environmental documentation to the Environmental Programs Group for review and comment by the headquarters environmental specialist and the Office of Chief Counsel.</p>
<p>3. The Service Area airspace specialist, in accordance with this order, determines the type of airspace action(s) necessary, either Non-Rulemaking or Rulemaking. FAA Service Area and Proponent determine if informal Airspace Meetings are required.</p>	
<p>For Non-Rulemaking:</p>	
<p>4. The Service Area airspace specialist sends out a circularization with a 45-day public comment period. The Service Area airspace specialist reviews and prepares, in consultation with the Proponent, responses to the aeronautical comments from the study and circularization in accordance with Chapter 21 of this order.</p>	<p>5. The Proponent reviews comments received on their Draft EA/FONSI or EIS and prepares their responses to the comments, in consultation with the FAA and other cooperating agencies, if necessary, and in accordance with Chapter 32 of this order.</p>
	<p>6. Proponent prepares and submits their Final EA/FONSI or EIS/ROD to the Service Area environmental specialist.</p>
	<p>7. The Service Area environmental specialist prepares a Draft FAA FONSI/ROD or Draft FAA Adoption Document/ROD.</p>
	<p>8. The Service Area environmental specialist submits the Draft FAA FONSI/ROD or Draft FAA Adoption Document/ROD and the Proponent's Final EA/FONSI or EIS/ROD to the Service Area airspace specialist for inclusion with the airspace proposal package.</p>
<p>5. The Service Area airspace specialist then sends the completed package containing the aeronautical proposal, response to comments, Proponent's Final EA/FONSI, and the Draft FAA FONSI/ROD to the Headquarters Airspace and Rules Group with their recommendation.</p>	

For Rulemaking:	
<p>6. The Service Area airspace specialist sends the proposal to the Airspace and Rules Group who prepares a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The Headquarters Airspace and Rules Group submits the NPRM for publication in the Federal Register with a 45-day comment period in accordance with Chapter 2 of this order.</p>	
<p>7. The Headquarters airspace specialist sends comments received on the NPRM to the Service Area airspace specialist for resolution.</p>	
<p>8. The Service Area airspace specialist then sends the completed package containing the response to comments, final service area recommendation, the proposal, Proponent's Final EA/FONSI or EIS/ROD, and the Draft FAA FONSI/ROD or Draft FAA Adoption Document/ROD to the Headquarters Airspace and Rules Group for preparation of the Final Rule.</p>	
<p>9. The Headquarters airspace specialist forwards the draft final rule package or draft non-rulemaking case summary (NRCS) with all supporting documentation to the Headquarters Environmental Programs Group for review (after all aeronautical comments have been resolved).</p>	<p>9. The Headquarters environmental specialist reviews the package for environmental technical accuracy; then submits the environmental documentation to the Office of the Chief Counsel, Airports and Environmental Law Division, for legal sufficiency review (having collaborated throughout the process).</p>
	<p>10. The Chief Counsel's environmental attorney's comments are incorporated into the final FAA environmental decision and signed by Headquarters Environmental Programs Group Manager.</p> <p>The package is then returned to the Headquarters Airspace and Rules Group.</p>
<p>10. For Non-rulemaking: The non-rulemaking action is published in the National Flight Data Digest.</p>	
<p>11. For Rulemaking: The Final Rule is published in the Federal Register. The Final Rule will contain a reference to the decision rendered and location of documentation for the associated environmental process.</p>	

Consult the following documents throughout the process for further information:

- Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508
- FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures"
- FAA Order 7400.2, "Procedures for Handling Airspace Matters," Part 5
- FAA Order 7400.2, Chapter 32, "Environmental Matters" and the associated appendixes (for specific SUA environmental direction)

NOTE: The time periods below are for a non-controversial aeronautical proposal and its associated environmental process. The time periods are for FAA review/processing only. Times for proponent and/or environmental contract support processing must be added.

ENVIRONMENTAL: The estimated time of completion for EA processing is 12 to 18 months or, for EIS processing, 18 to 36 months.

AERONAUTICAL (Non-Rulemaking): A minimum 4 months is required from submission of the Formal Airspace Proposal by the Proponent to the Service Area through completion of the circularization process. Additionally, a minimum of 6 months is required from submission of the Formal Airspace Proposal by the Service Area to Headquarters through completion of the charting process.

AERONAUTICAL (Rulemaking): A minimum 6 weeks for Service Area processing, and a minimum of 9 months to complete rulemaking once the formal package is received at Headquarters.



APR 11 2013

Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Subject: Cooperating Agency Request for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Wheldon:

Thank you for your letter on the above subject. I understand that in-house staff from the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB), Office of Technology, Services and Innovation has been working closely with representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), and the Naval Facilities Command (NAVFAC) on aspects of the planned Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will involve operations at the (IBB) transmitter site on the island of Tinian.

The IBB confirms that it will serve as a cooperating agency and the point of contact for EIS matters that pertain to the IBB transmitter site on Tinian. However, program commitments and budgetary constraints could limit the degree of the IBB's involvement pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 1501.6. The IBB is prepared to support this initiative with its in-house staff and to the extent it does not interfere with the Agency's mission. Furthermore, the IBB has not budgeted for any specialized services that might necessitate the use of contractors or consultants for the EIS matters described in your letter. Any specialized services required will need to be funded and arranged by the appropriate Department of Defense entity.

We look forward to working closely with the USMC and NAVFAC on preparation of the EIS. Mark Filipek, Director of the IBB's Operations and Stations Division, will be your primary point of contact on this initiative. Mr. Filipek can be reached at (202) 382-7359, or by email at mfilipek@bbg.gov.

Sincerely,


for Richard M. Lobo
Director



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, HONOLULU
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Regulatory Branch
Engineering and Construction Division

14 May 2013

Mr. Craig B. Whelden, Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific
United States Marine Corps
Camp H. M. Smith, HI 96861-4139

Dear Mr. Whelden:

This is in response to your letter, received on March 5, 2013, requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the Marine Forces Pacific preparation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS). As stated, the CJMT EIS/OEIS will develop and analyze alternatives to improve existing and develop new live-fire military ranges and training areas in the CNMI islands of Tinian and Pagan.

As a Federal agency with jurisdiction by law over elements of the proposed action, the USACE accepts your request to serve as a Cooperating Agency, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations, 40 CFR § 1501.6, during the EIS/OEIS process. Based on our initial understanding of the proposed actions, our applicable statutory authorities may include Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917, Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriations Act of 1919, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Thank you for your request and cooperation with the DA Regulatory Program. I have designated Mr. Ryan Winn of our Guam Field Office to act as your point of contact for all EIS/OEIS matters. Mr. Winn may be reached at PSC 455, Box 188, FPO AP 96540-1088; by phone at (671) 339-2108; or by email at ryan.h.winn@usace.army.mil, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George P. Young".

George P. Young, P.E.
Chief, Regulatory Branch



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Assistant Secretary

May 23, 2013

Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific
Camp H.M. Smith, HI 96861 - 4139

Dear Director Whelden:

Thank you for your letter dated March 13, 2012, concerning the appointment of Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) as the Executive Agent to conduct studies and complete appropriate planning documentation in support of identifying a solution(s) for existing training deficiencies in the United States Pacific Command area of responsibility. We very much appreciate the update and information you provided regarding this recent development.

Our Office of Insular Affairs accepts your invitation to serve as a cooperating agency in the preparation of its Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) that will develop and analyze range and training area alternatives. We look forward to working with your office to assist in the preparation of the CJMT EIS/OEIS.

Our staff point of contact for CNMI EIS/OEIS is Ms. Kristen Oleyte, Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior Office of Insular Areas and Senior Policy Advisor to US Pacific Command (PACOM). She can be reached at Kristen_H_Oleyte@ios.doi.gov or 808.477.7642.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sobeck
Acting Assistant Secretary
Insular Areas

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR

**THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT**

BETWEEN

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, PACIFIC

AND

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

MOU for the CJMT EIS/OEIS between MARFORPAC and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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7. Provide regular EIS/OEIS progress updates to Cooperating Agencies and inform them of significant developments affecting the proposed action at the earliest possible opportunity.
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B. Cooperating Agency NOAA:

1. Provide a lead POC to represent NOAA in the CJMT EIS/OEIS effort.
2. Ensure timely review, to the extent practical, of all NEPA documents; provide timely comments, consistent cooperation, concurrence, and continuing coordination to achieve a complete and justifiable EIS/OEIS.
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IV. Effective Date: This MOU is effective on the last date of signature below.

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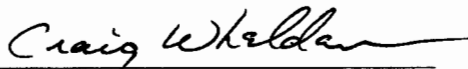
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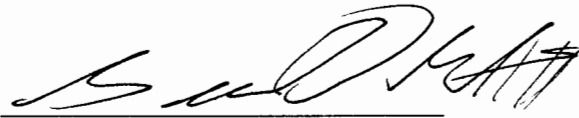
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In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives for MARFORPAC and NOAA have executed this MOU, and certify that they understand and agree to support the purpose and provisions of this MOU, as set forth herein.



Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific



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for Regulatory Programs performing the
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JAN 8 2014

Mr. Craig B. Whelden
Executive Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific
Camp H. M. Smith, HI 96861-4139

RE: Request approval for the cooperating agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS)

Dear Mr. Whelden,

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) received your request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the preparation of the CNMI EIS/OEIS. The FAA understands the need to have continuity between the Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) and the FAA throughout the National Environmental Policy Act process. We believe this relationship is thoroughly described in existing orders and the signed MOU per FAA Order 7400.2J Appendix 7, "FAA/DOD Memorandum of Understanding", and Appendix 8, "FAA Special Use Airspace Environmental Processing Procedures". These documents clearly describe the relationship and formalize the cooperative relationship between MARFORPAC and the FAA.

The FAA believes existing FAA Order 7400.2J and MOU are adequate for accomplishing the EIS/OEIS process and don't believe an additional MOU is needed. The FAA appreciates your patience in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the FAA environmental specialist, Marina Landis, at (425) 203-4561.

Sincerely,

for Clark Desing
Manager
Operations Support Group
Western Service Center

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR

**THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT**

BETWEEN

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES, PACIFIC

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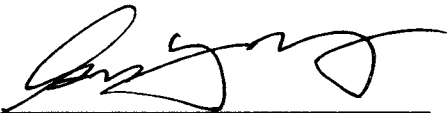
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Deputy Director
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

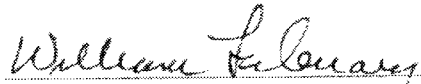


George Young
Chief of Regulatory Branch, Honolulu
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U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

Ryan Winn
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

cleanup of installation remediation sites.

The DoN is initiating a 30-day scoping period to receive comments on the scope of the EIS, including the range of actions, alternatives, and environmental concerns that should be addressed. Public scoping meetings will be held in the City of Concord, California, to provide information and receive written comments on the scope of the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are encouraged to comment on the scope of the EIS or attend the public scoping meetings. To be most helpful, scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the commenter believes the EIS should address.

Comments can be made in the following ways: (1) Written comments at the scheduled public scoping meetings; or (2) written comments mailed to the DoN BRAC PMO address in this notice; or (3) written comments faxed to the DoN BRAC PMO fax number in this notice; or (4) comments submitted via email using the DoN BRAC PMO email address in this notice.

Written comments must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by midnight Friday, April 19, 2013, and sent to: Director, NAVFAC BRAC PMO West, Attn: Mr. Ronald Bochenek, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego, California 92108-4310, telephone 619-532-0906, fax 619-532-9858, email: ronald.bochenek.ctr@navy.mil.

Requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids for the scheduled public scoping meetings must be sent by mail or email by Friday, March 29, 2013 to the address provided in this notice.

C.K. Chiappetta,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy

Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114, and United States (U.S.) Marine Corps NEPA implementing regulations in Marine Corps Order P5090.2A, Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate the potential impacts associated with preliminary alternatives for meeting PACOM Service Components' unfilled unit level and combined level military training requirements in the Western Pacific. The proposed action is to establish a series of live-fire and maneuver Ranges and Training Areas (RTAs) within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to meet this purpose.

Existing Department of Defense (DoD) RTAs and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the Mariana Islands, are insufficient to support PACOM Service Components' U.S. Code (U.S.C.) Title 10 training requirements for the region. The expansion of existing RTAs and construction of new RTAs will satisfy identified training deficiencies for PACOM forces that are based in or regularly train in the CNMI. These RTAs will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule. These RTAs are needed to support ongoing operational requirements, changes to U.S. force structure and geographic positioning of forces, and U.S. training relationships with allied nations.

MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, has invited the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, to participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC has also developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the military services regarding their support and engagement in the development of the EIS/OEIS.

MARFORPAC encourages governmental agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public to participate in the NEPA process for the EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC is initiating the scoping process for the EIS/OEIS with this Notice of Intent (NOI). Scoping assists MARFORPAC in identifying community concerns and specific issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. All

interested parties are invited to attend the scoping meetings and are encouraged to provide comments. MARFORPAC will consider these comments in determining the scope of the EIS/OEIS.

DATES: Three public scoping meetings, using an open-house format, will be held on the following dates and locations in the CNMI:

- Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Dandan Elementary School Cafeteria, Dandan Road, Dandan, Saipan, CNMI 96960
- Thursday, April 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tinian Gym, San Jose, Tinian, CNMI 96950
- Friday, April 12, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Carolinian Utt, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI 96960

Concurrent with the NEPA process, MARFORPAC is initiating National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During each of the above meetings, MARFORPAC will hold Section 106 meetings in a separate area where subject matter experts will explain the Section 106 process and solicit public input on the identification of historic properties and potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

Comments on the proposed action and preliminary alternatives may be submitted during the 45-day public scoping comment period. Comments should be postmarked or received by April 29, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). There are three ways to submit written comments: (1) providing comments at one of the public scoping meetings; (2) submitting comments through the project Web site: www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com; and (3) mailing comments to the following address: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, JBPHH, HI 96860-3134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please visit the project Web site or contact the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager by telephone at 808-472-1253 or by email via the project Web site. Please submit requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, or other auxiliary aids needed at the public scoping open house to the Project Manager by March 25, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. military is charged with upholding the U.S. Constitution, defending the United

States from all enemies foreign and domestic, and honoring commitments made in treaties and other international agreements. In particular, five of the seven treaties of mutual defense involve the Western Pacific. In order to accomplish these missions, Title 10 of the U.S.C. requires the Services to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. Modern warfare and security operations are complex undertakings, and U.S. military personnel must train regularly to maintain the necessary skills required to accomplish their constitutional and statutory mandates.

Beginning in 2009 with the Institute for Defense Analyses' (IDA) "Department of Defense Training in the Pacific Study," and culminating in the January 2013 DoN Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Requirements and Siting Study (RSS), DoD has documented joint military training deficiencies throughout the PACOM Area of Responsibility (AOR), and specifically within the CNMI. The 2009 IDA Study examined training capabilities utilized by the DoD in the PACOM AOR and concluded that current training deficiencies exist. The IDA study examined several potential solutions and concluded that the Mariana Islands' strategic location in the PACOM AOR makes these islands a prime location to support forces throughout the AOR. The IDA Study recommended that planning be initiated to analyze the ability to construct new, or expand existing training capabilities and support facilities in the Mariana Islands.

The need for joint service training in the Western Pacific was also recognized in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR). Specifically, the QDR concluded that the U.S. should develop additional training capabilities for joint and combined forces in the Western Pacific to assure readiness of U.S. forces to carry out military operations as well as humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and maritime security. Furthermore, the QDR found that the available land within U.S. jurisdiction in the Pacific provided the potential for leveraging U.S. engagement with allied and partner militaries to build multilateral security relationships and operational capacity among the countries of the region.

The April 2012 DoN Training Needs Assessment: An Assessment of Current Training Ranges and Supporting Facilities in the U.S. Pacific Command Area of Responsibility further examined

training deficiencies in the Western Pacific by dividing the PACOM AOR into four independent geographic areas or "hubs" representing the largest concentrations of U.S. forces: Japan (including Okinawa), Korea, Hawaii, and the Mariana Islands (Guam/CNMI). The assessment confirmed the earlier findings that the greatest number of training deficiencies exists in the Mariana Islands hub. The CNMI's criticality to providing an environment for joint training and stabilizing influence in the PACOM AOR was specifically mentioned in the April 2012 2+2 Statement between Japan and the U.S. wherein both nations expressed a keen desire to improve training capabilities in the CNMI.

The January 2013 RSS continued the analysis by focusing on those deficiencies found in the Mariana Islands and specifically in the CNMI. Service training operates on a crawl-walk-run continuum progressing from individual skills, to unit level to combined level training. The majority of individual skills training will be accomplished outside of the CNMI. The 42 unfilled training requirements documented in the January 2013 RSS are for unit level and combined level training. Unit level training consists of troops with similar military occupational specialties training on both live-fire and maneuver ranges to develop the skills necessary for the unit to carry out its mission. Combined level arms training brings several units together working as a team towards a single objective. Combined level training also involves maneuver and use of live-fire ranges and training areas; however, because of the greater number of units and tasks, this training requires larger areas. Because of the nature of unit and combined level training, along with the frequency of this training, separate range complexes are required to support each type of training.

The RSS further defined and developed the purpose and need for the proposed action of improving military training capabilities; refined and applied operational siting criteria for assessing preliminary alternatives within the CNMI; and applied those criteria to potential candidate locations within the CNMI in order to meet PACOM Service Components' unfilled training requirements. Of the 14 CNMI islands, the RSS found that only Tinian and Pagan are capable of meeting unit level and combined level screening criteria, and could potentially satisfy most of the unfilled training requirements for the CNMI. Neither Tinian nor Pagan can support all identified unfilled training requirements

alone; however, in combination they present a variety of preliminary alternative RTA configurations.

Preliminary Alternatives: As part of this scoping effort, MARFORPAC has developed preliminary alternatives on the islands of Tinian and Pagan to meet the requisite training capabilities and capacity. The EIS/OEIS will also consider any other reasonable alternatives that are identified during the scoping period. MARFORPAC seeks to minimize impacts to non-DoD lands and the environment by establishing multi-purpose ranges with overlapping impact areas and surface danger zones, where possible, on existing DoD-controlled lands.

Preliminary alternatives are the improvement, development, and use of existing and new military training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan, to include surrounding U.S. and international water and airspace. With regards to Tinian, preliminary alternatives for unit level training consider laydowns with and without relocating the IBB Voice of America facility. To date, all Tinian preliminary alternatives require the use of all military leased land, including that which has been leased-back to the CNMI government for agricultural uses. For Pagan, all the preliminary alternatives for combined-level training propose using the entire island for military purposes.

Special use airspace will be needed over any island proposed for RTAs and MARFORPAC, as Executive Agent, will seek designation of such airspace in coordination with FAA once a Record of Decision has been completed for the EIS/OEIS. In addition, maritime danger zones may be required along the coastlines adjacent to DoD-controlled property.

Under the No Action Alternative, the proposed RTAs would not be constructed on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The identified training deficit would persist and the existing Western Pacific RTAs would remain insufficient to support PACOM Service Components' Title 10 training requirements for the region. The No Action Alternative would continue current training activities, which include limited non-tactical live-fire and other non-live fire training, including amphibious warfare and urban warfare activities that are currently approved by DoD Service Components on Tinian and Pagan, as well as the other approved existing RTAs within the CNMI, as well as development of the four ranges on Tinian that were the subject of the 2010 Guam EIS Record of Decision. The No

Action Alternative does not meet the purpose and need of the proposed action.

Environmental Issues and Resources To Be Examined: After scoping is complete, the EIS/OEIS analysis will evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with each alternative selected for full analysis. Issues to be addressed include, but are not limited to, noise, cultural resources, transportation, utilities, socioeconomic, biological resources, geology and soils, water quality, air quality, airspace, land use, recreation, safety, hazardous materials and waste, visual resources, and environmental justice.

Resources, activities, and issues identified through the scoping process will be considered in the EIS/OEIS. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant past, present and reasonably foreseeable future actions in the Mariana Islands.

Agency Consultations: MARFORPAC, as Executive Agent, will undertake appropriate consultations with regulatory entities pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Water Act, and other applicable laws or regulations. Consultation may include, but will not be limited to, the following federal, state, and local agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, CNMI Historic Preservation Office, and the CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office.

Schedule: This NOI initiates a 45-day scoping comment period to identify issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS and reasonable and feasible alternatives to implement the proposed action. The next step in the NEPA process occurs with publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** and local media, announcing release of the Draft EIS/OEIS and commencement of a 45-day public comment period. A notice will be published in local newspapers to advertise public scoping meetings for the project during the 45-day comment period. MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, will consider and respond to all comments received on the Draft EIS/OEIS when preparing the Final EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, intends to issue the Final EIS/OEIS in late 2015, at which time an NOA will be published in the **Federal Register** and local media. The NOA will initiate a 30-day waiting period, after

which the Assistant Secretary of the Navy will issue a Record of Decision.

Dated: March 8, 2013.

C.K. Chiappetta,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Subcommittee Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the President, Naval Postgraduate School

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the aforementioned subcommittee will be held. (Parent Committee is: Board of Advisors (BOA) to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (NPS). This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Zone.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Ingersoll Hall, Room 361, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5001, telephone number 831-656-2514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the advice of the Board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program and the collaborative exchange and partnership between NPS and the Air Force Institute of Technology. The board examines the effectiveness with which the NPS is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula; instruction; physical equipment; administration; state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of the NPS as the board considers pertinent. Individuals without a DoD government/CAC card require an escort at the meeting location. For access, information, or to send written comments regarding the NPS BOA contact Ms. Jaye Panza, Designated

Federal Officer, Naval Postgraduate School, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943-5001 or by fax 831-656-3145 by April 16, 2013.

C.K. Chiappetta,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0029]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2013-2016

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences (IES), ED.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), ED is proposing a revision of a current information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0029 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ Room 2E117, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The U.S. military announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate potential impacts associated with preliminary alternatives for meeting unfilled U.S. military training requirements in the CNMI. The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire and maneuver ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan. Existing military training areas and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI are insufficient to support U.S. military training requirements. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed in the CNMI to ensure that the U.S. military can meet its statutory and international agreement responsibilities to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

The publication of the Notice of Intent initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and public scoping period for the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS. Scoping assists the U.S. military in assessing the proposed action by soliciting community comment as to what issues should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Government agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public are encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and scoping meetings for the EIS/OEIS. The U.S. military will host public open house scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the following open house scoping meetings:

- **Wednesday, April 10, 2013, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Dandan Elementary School Cafeteria, Dandan Road, Dandan, Saipan**
- **Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Tinian Gym, San Jose, Tinian**
- **Friday, April 12, 2013, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Carolinian Utt, Garapan, Saipan**

Informational posters will be displayed and subject matter experts will be available during the open house meetings to discuss the proposed action, answer questions, and accept comments. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available at the scoping meetings.

Also, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the U.S. military is initiating Section 106 Consultation to determine the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties and encourages governmental agencies, private-sector organizations, and the general public to participate in the Section 106 process. The Section 106 meetings will be held in a separate area during the scoping meetings where subject matter experts will explain the Section 106 process and solicit public input on the identification of potential historic properties.

Comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups may also mail their comments postmarked by April 29, 2013, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) to:

Mail comments to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific
Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
JBPHH, HI 96860-3134

Comments may also be submitted via the website: www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com.

information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: April 18, 2013.

Rorey Smith,

Deputy General Counsel, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Notice of Intent To Prepare the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the United States (U.S.) Pacific Command (PACOM), is extending the public scoping comment period for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) until May 13, 2013. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, March 14, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 50, Pages 16257-16259). The Notice announced the initial public scoping comment period, including three public scoping meetings that took place on Wednesday, April 10, 2013; Thursday, April 11, 2013 and Friday, April 12, 2013. The public scoping meetings provided an opportunity for the public to obtain additional information and provide comments on the proposed action. The NOI requested the submission of all public scoping comments to MARFORPAC by April 29, 2013 Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). With this Notice, MARFORPAC is extending the public scoping comment period until May 13, 2013 (ChST).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please visit the project Web site or contact the CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager by telephone at 808-472-1253 or by email via the project Web site (www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section (102)(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508), and Executive Order 12114, and United States Marine Corps NEPA implementing regulations in Marine Corps Order P5090.2A, MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent designated by PACOM, announces its intent to prepare an EIS/OEIS to evaluate the potential impacts associated with preliminary alternatives for meeting PACOM Service Components' unfilled unit level and combined level military training requirements in the Western Pacific. The proposed action is to establish a series of live-fire and maneuver Ranges and Training Areas (RTAs) within the CNMI to meet this purpose.

Existing Department of Defense RTAs and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the Mariana Islands, are insufficient to support PACOM Service Components' U.S. Code (U.S.C.) Title 10 training requirements for the region. The expansion of existing RTAs and construction of new RTAs will satisfy identified training deficiencies for PACOM forces that are based in or regularly train in the Mariana Islands. These RTAs will be available to U.S. forces and their allies on a continuous and uninterrupted schedule. These RTAs are needed to support ongoing operational requirements, changes to U.S. force structure and geographic positioning of forces, and U.S. training relationships with allied nations.

MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, has invited the Federal Aviation Administration; International Broadcasting Bureau; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, to participate as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS. MARFORPAC has also developed a Memorandum of Understanding with the military services regarding their support and engagement in the development of the EIS/OEIS.

More information on the proposed action can be found on the previously published NOI (see **Federal Register** on March 14, 2013 (Vol. 78, No. 50, Pages 16257-16259)). Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested parties and individuals, are invited and encouraged to review and comment on proposed action. Comments on the proposed action can be submitted via the project Web site (www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com)

or submitted in writing to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, JBPHH, HI 96860-3134.

All comments must be postmarked or electronically dated on or before May 13, 2013 (ChST).

C.K. Chiappetta,

Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy. Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Application for New Awards; Education Research and Special Education Research Grant Programs

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Overview Information: Education Research and Special Education Research Grants Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2014.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers: 84.305A, 84.305B, 84.305C, 84.305D, and 84.305H.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (Institute) announces the Institute's FY 2014 competitions for grants to support education research and special education research. The Director takes this action under the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. The Institute's purpose in awarding these grants is to provide national leadership in expanding fundamental knowledge and understanding of developmental and school readiness outcomes for infants and toddlers with or at risk for disability, and of education outcomes for all students from early childhood education through postsecondary and adult education.

DATES: The dates when applications are available and the deadlines for transmittal of applications invited under this notice are indicated in the chart at the end of this notice.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The central purpose of the Institute's research grant programs is to provide parents, educators, students, researchers, policymakers, and the general public with reliable and valid information

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MARFORPAC is extending the public scoping comment period until May 13, 2013 (ChST).

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