

Final Scoping Summary Report

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CJMT	CNMI Joint Military Training	MARFORPAC	Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
CNMI	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
DLNR	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources	NOI	Notice of Intent
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	OEIS	Overseas EIS
EDT	Eastern Daylight Time	PACOM	U.S. Pacific Command
		U.S.	United States

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the activities of the official public scoping period for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training (CJMT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) (CJMT EIS/OEIS). The CJMT EIS/OEIS will evaluate the potential impacts to the human and natural environment from the United States (U.S.) military's proposal to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the U.S. Pacific Command, is the lead agency for the preparation of the CJMT EIS/OEIS.

The Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 Code of Federal Regulations § 1501.7) call for a public process called "scoping." This is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. The scoping process provided opportunities for CNMI elected officials, government agencies, interest groups, and the public to learn about the proposed action and alternatives, suggest alternative approaches to meet the proposed action's need, and provide input that assists resource specialists in data collection and resource analyses for the CJMT Draft EIS/OEIS. In addition to the NEPA scoping process, MARFORPAC initiated Section 106 consultation in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Concurrent NEPA and Section 106 meetings were held to encourage government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public to participate in both processes.

The public scoping period began on March 15, 2013 with the Notice of Intent to prepare the CJMT EIS/OEIS published in the *Federal Register* (on March 14, 2013 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); Volume 78, Number 50, pages 16257-16259). Please note that all dates are in Chamorro Standard Time, unless otherwise noted. The scoping period initially was set to end on April 29, 2013; however, in response to requests from scoping meeting participants and CNMI government officials, MARFORPAC extended the scoping period to May 13, 2013. A second notification appeared in the *Federal Register* on April 24, 2013 (on April 23, 2013 EDT; Volume 78, Number 78, page 23920) announcing the extension. Local newspapers and electronic media announced the NOI and the locations, dates, and times of the scoping meetings; similar media announced the scoping period extension.

Scoping meetings were held April 10 to 12, 2013: two on Saipan and one on Tinian. All meetings were held in an "open-house format" which allowed attendees to speak one on one with U.S. military representatives and subject matter experts. Thirteen (13) displays were designed to describe the proposed action, present the purpose and need for the proposed action, and enhance public understanding of the NEPA process while emphasizing the public's role in shaping the Draft EIS/OEIS. Another three displays were associated with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 process.

During the scoping period, a total of 198 unique comment submittals were received. In addition, there were eight duplicates (i.e., content was identical to another comment submitted from the same organization, agency, or person). The public had multiple venues to provide comments. At the scoping meetings, people could submit written comments brought with them, complete a comment form provided at the scoping meetings, or have oral comments digitally recorded. Comments could also be submitted electronically on the website (www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com) and/or by mailing them to the CJMT EIS/OEIS project manager.

Scoping comments about Pagan alternatives centered on the short-term and long-term effects of military training on the island. Comments about Tinian alternatives focused on how military training activities could influence economic and agricultural development, constrict travel to and from Tinian, and impact residents' daily lives. Comments received during the public scoping period will assist the U.S. military in the development of the CJMT Draft EIS/OEIS.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This Scoping Summary Report summarizes the activities of the official public scoping period from March 15, 2013 to May 13, 2013 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training (CJMT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) (hereinafter referred to as the “CJMT EIS/OEIS”). Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the United States (U.S.) Pacific Command (PACOM), is the lead agency for preparation of the CJMT EIS/OEIS. All dates provided in this report are Chamorro Standard Time, unless otherwise noted.

1.1 PURPOSE AND GOAL OF SCOPING

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to consider environmental effects that include impacts on social, cultural, economic, and natural resources. According to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.6), agencies shall make diligent efforts to involve the public in preparing and implementing NEPA procedures and to ensure that the public is provided notice of meetings and that materials are available and accessible. Scoping is the first step in the public involvement process. Scoping informs governmental agencies, interest groups, and the public about the proposed action, and it helps the lead agency identify the issues and concerns that are of particular interest to the affected population. In this manner, scoping assists in defining the breadth and depth of the EIS/OEIS analysis. Consideration of the views and information from interested persons promotes open communication and enables better decision making.

In addition to the NEPA scoping process, MARFORPAC initiated Section 106 consultation in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Concurrent NEPA and Section 106 meetings were held to encourage government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public to participate in both processes. Section 106 meetings were held in a separate area than the scoping meetings but at the same time. Subject matter experts were available to explain the Section 106 process and to solicit public input on identifying potential historic properties and the potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

1.2 BACKGROUND

The CJMT EIS/OEIS will evaluate the potential impacts associated with alternatives for meeting PACOM Service Components’ unfilled unit level and combined level military training requirements in the Western Pacific. The proposed action would establish a series of live-fire and maneuver ranges and training areas within the CNMI to meet this purpose. Existing Department of Defense ranges and training areas, and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI, are insufficient to support PACOM Service Components’ U.S. Code Title 10 regional training requirements. Expanding existing ranges and training areas and constructing new ones will satisfy the identified training deficiencies for PACOM forces that are based in or regularly train in the CNMI. The proposed action is to improve existing and develop new live-fire military ranges and training areas on Tinian and Pagan in the CNMI. For Tinian, preliminary alternatives involve unit level training areas, including laydowns with and without relocating the International Broadcasting Bureau Voice of America facility. To date, all Tinian preliminary alternatives require the use of all the military leased land, including that currently leased back

to the CNMI government for agricultural uses. For Pagan, the preliminary alternatives support combined level training and propose using the entire island for military purposes.

1.3 ORGANIZATION OF THE REPORT

The report is organized as follows:

- CHAPTER 1 describes the purpose and goal of scoping, provides a brief background of the proposed action, and then outlines how the report is organized.
- CHAPTER 2 outlines the scoping process from public outreach to agency involvement.
- CHAPTER 3 provides an overview of the proceedings at the scoping meetings, including the format as well as materials disseminated and exhibited.
- CHAPTER 4 summarizes the public comments and frequently raised topics and issues.
- CHAPTER 5 lists the references cited.

Supporting documentation is in the following appendices:

- Appendix A – *Federal Register* notices and newspaper announcements.
- Appendix B – communication with CNMI government and elected officials, federal agency representatives, and non-governmental organizations.
- Appendix C – briefing materials presented to CNMI government and elected officials, federal agency representatives, and non-governmental organizations.
- Appendix D – communications with cooperating agencies.
- Appendix E – materials distributed and exhibited at the scoping meetings.
- Appendix F – Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act displays used during scoping.

CHAPTER 2

SCOPING PROCESS

The public scoping period began with the Notice of Intent (NOI) announcement on March 15, 2013 (March 14, 2013 Eastern Daylight Time [EDT]) and was initially set to end on April 29, 2013. However, in response to requests from the scoping meeting participants and CNMI government officials, MARFORPAC extended the scoping period to May 13, 2013.

2.1 NOTIFICATION

2.1.1 Federal Register

The NOI was published in the *Federal Register* (Volume 78, Number 50, pages 16257-16259) on March 15, 2013 (March 14, 2013 EDT) (Appendix A). The NOI marked the beginning of the public scoping period and announced MARFORPAC's intention to prepare an EIS/OEIS. The NOI also supplied information on the dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings; the means by which public comments could be submitted; a point of contact with a phone number and email address for any questions; the address of the website to access CJMT EIS/OEIS materials; and supplemental background information. A second notification, announcing the scoping period extension, appeared in the *Federal Register* on April 24, 2013 (April 23, 2013 EDT) (Volume 78, Number 78, page 23920) (Appendix A).

2.1.2 Public Outreach

Several methods of print and electronic media were used to notify the public of opportunities for involvement in the scoping process: letters, postcards, a public website, and newspaper announcements.

2.1.2.1 Letters

Prior to the publication of the NOI, 25 letters (recipients listed below) were sent on February 27, 2013 to elected and government officials, federal agency representatives, and one non-governmental organization informing them of the upcoming NOI announcement, the scoping process, as well as the dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings. Each letter contained a CJMT EIS/OEIS fact sheet and an example of the postcard mailer that would be sent to other interested parties. The postcard was included to apprise government, political, and agency officials of material that would be sent to interested citizens. An example of the letter is in Appendix B.

CNMI Elected Officials

- Governor Eloy S. Inos
- Lieutenant Governor Jude Untalan Hofschneider
- President of the Senate Mr. Ralph Torres
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Mr. Joseph Pinaula Deleon Guerrero
- Mayor, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Mr. Ramon Dela Cruz
- Mayor, Municipality of Northern Islands Mr. Tobias Aldan
- Mayor, Municipality of Saipan Mr. Donald Flores
- Mayor, Municipality of Rota Mr. Melchor A. Mendiola

Federal Elected Officials

- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for CNMI Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan

- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo

CNMI Agencies

- Coastal Resources Management Office Dr. Rita Chong-Dela Cruz (Administrator)
- Commonwealth Ports Authority Mr. Edward M. Deleon Guerrero (Executive Director)
- Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Ms. Laura Ogumoro (Acting Secretary)
- Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Office Ms. Merti Kani (Acting Director)
- Department of Labor Mr. Gil M. San Nicolas (Secretary)
- Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Mr. Arnold Palacios (Acting Secretary and Director)
- Department of Public Lands Mr. Ramon Salas (Acting Secretary)
- Department of Public Safety, Office of the Commissioner Mr. Aniceto T. Ogumoro (Commissioner)
- Division of Environmental Quality Mr. Frank Rabauliman (Director)

Federal Agencies and Officials

- Commander, Joint Region Marianas Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne
- Sector Commander, United States Coast Guard Sector Command Captain Casey White
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Mr. John McCarroll (Pacific Islands Office Manager)
- National Park Service, War in the Pacific Historic Park Ms. Barbara Alberti (Superintendent)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services Mr. Mike Pitzler (State Director)

Non-Governmental Organizations

- Saipan Chamber of Commerce Mr. Douglas Brennan (President)

2.1.2.2 Postcards

A total of 64 postcard mailers were sent to other elected officials (i.e., CNMI senators and representatives), federal and local government agencies, as well as special interest groups and non-governmental organizations. The postcard briefly described the proposed action; presented the dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings; and outlined the various ways the public could participate in the scoping process—attending the meeting(s) and providing written and/or oral comments; visiting the website to review materials and submit comments; and/or mailing comments through the U.S. postal service. Appendix B provides an example of the postcard and the recipient list.

2.1.2.3 Website

To provide the public with easily accessible updates, announcements, comment submittal and CJMT EIS/OEIS documentation, a public website was created (www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com). The site will be updated throughout the CJMT EIS/OEIS process to ensure the public is well informed and aware of the action's progress.

2.1.2.4 Media Outreach and Newspaper Announcements

Three local newspapers were used to notify the public of the scoping meetings: (1) *Pacific Daily News*, (2) *Marianas Variety*, and (3) *Saipan Tribune*. As indicated in Table 2-1, the announcements were first

published in print and then posted online the same week that the NOI appeared in the *Federal Register*. The second round of announcements ran the week of the scoping meetings in the *Marianas Variety* and *Saipan Tribune* (refer to Appendix A for copies of the newspaper announcements).

Table 2-1. Dates of Newspaper Notification Announcements for Scoping Meetings

<i>Newspaper</i>	<i>NOI Announcement Date Print Version</i>	<i>NOI Announcement Date Online Version</i>	<i>Scoping Period Extension Announcement Date Print Version</i>	<i>Scoping Period Extension Announcement Date Online Version</i>
<i>Pacific Daily News</i>	March 15 and 16, 2013 (Friday and Saturday)	March 15-21, 2013 (Friday-Thursday)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<i>Marianas Variety</i>	March 15 and 18, 2013 (Friday and Monday) and April 9, 2013 (Tuesday)	March 15-21, 2013 (Friday-Thursday) and April 5-12, 2013 (Friday-Friday)	April 23, 2013 (Tuesday)	April 23-29, 2013 (Tuesday-Monday)
<i>Saipan Tribune</i>	March 15 and 18, 2013 (Friday and Monday) and April 9, 2013 (Tuesday)	March 18-24, 2013 (Monday-Sunday) and April 5-12, 2013 (Friday-Friday)	April 23, 2013 (Tuesday)	April 23-29, 2013 (Tuesday-Monday)

The public was notified of the scoping period extension in the *Marianas Variety* and *Saipan Tribune*. Announcements were published in print on the same day that the Notice of Extension appeared in the *Federal Register* and posted to the two newspapers' webpages the same week (Appendix A).

2.2 BRIEFINGS

Briefings were provided to CNMI elected and government officials, federal agency representatives, and non-governmental organizations prior to NOI release and during the scoping period. All parties received the same briefing. Due to the change of leadership in the CNMI government that occurred concurrently with the release of the NOI and throughout the public scoping period of the CJMT EIS/OEIS, MARFORPAC made a concentrated effort to brief newly placed elected officials and department heads. Appendix C contains the brief, including the preliminary alternatives provided during the scoping period. The following sections summarize the entities and dates of the briefings.

2.2.1 Prior to the Scoping Period

CNMI elected and government officials briefed include the following (meeting dates are in parentheses):

CNMI Elected Officials

- Governor Benigno Fitial (February 7, 2013)
- Staff of the Mayor, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan (February 8, 2013)
- Staff of the Mayor, Municipality of Northern Islands (February 7, 2013)

National Elected Officials

- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for CNMI Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (February 7, 2013)
- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (via conference call, February 11, 2013 EDT)

Military

- Commander, Joint Region Marianas Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne and local commands (February 5, 2013)

2.2.2 During the Scoping Period

CNMI elected and government officials briefed include the following (meeting dates are in parentheses):

CNMI Elected Officials

- Lieutenant Governor Jude Untalan Hofschneider and the Military Integration Management Committee (April 10, 2013)
- Mayor, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Mr. Ramon Dela Cruz and cabinet staff (April 11, 2013)

National Elected Officials

- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for CNMI Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (via video teleconference, April 11, 2013)
- U.S. House of Representatives Delegate for Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (via conference call, April 16, 2013 EDT)

CNMI Agencies

- Coastal Resources Management Office Dr. Rita Chong-Dela Cruz (April 10, 2013)
- Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Office Ms. Laura Ogumoro (April 10, 2013)
- Division of Environmental Quality Mr. Frank Rabauliman (April 10, 2013)
- Department of Public Lands Mr. Pete A. Tenorio (April 10, 2013)
- Division of Fish and Wildlife, DLNR Mr. Arnold I. Palacios (April 10, 2013)
- Commonwealth Port Authority (Saipan) Mr. Edward M. Deleon Guerrero (April 10, 2013) and (Tinian) Mr. Joseph Mendiola (April 11, 2013). Note that Federal Aviation Authority officials attended this briefing.

Non-Governmental Organizations

- Tinian Chamber of Commerce Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long, including Tinian Cattlemen's Association (April 11, 2013)

Federal Agencies

- Federal Highway Administration (March 20, 2013 EDT)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Office (March 21, 2013 EDT)
- National Marine Fisheries Service Headquarters (April 4, 2013 EDT)
- National Park Service (April 9, 2013)
- Office of Economic Adjustment (March 20, 2013 EDT)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 (March 20, 2013 EDT)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (March 19, 2013 EDT)

Military

- Commander, Joint Region Marianas Rear Admiral Tilghman Payne and staff (April 9, 2013)

2.3 INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION

2.3.1 Lead Agency

MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent designated by PACOM, is the lead agency for preparing the CJMT EIS/OEIS. As the designated Executive Agent, MARFORPAC collaborates with the PACOM Service Components.

2.3.2 Cooperating Agencies

MARFORPAC identified several agencies as potential candidates to serve as cooperating agencies. As such, their general role and responsibilities would be to: (1) participate in the NEPA process, including scoping; (2) assume responsibility, upon request, for developing information and preparing analyses on issues for which they have special expertise; and (3) make staff available for interdisciplinary reviews. On March 13, 2013, MARFORPAC invited the following agencies to become a cooperating agency:

- Federal Aviation Administration
- International Broadcasting Bureau
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service
- Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Air Force¹
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Federal Aviation Administration, the International Broadcasting Bureau, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Office of Insular Affairs, and the U.S. Air Force have accepted the invitation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined the invitation due to staffing and workload constraints, but indicated willingness to continue to collaborate with MARFORPAC throughout the CJMT EIS/OEIS process. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not yet formally accepted cooperating agency status. Please refer to Appendix D for cooperating agency correspondence.

¹ Note: U.S. Air Force accepted cooperating agency status February 21, 2012.

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CHAPTER 3

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Public scoping provides opportunities for government agencies, interest groups, and the public to learn about the proposed action and alternatives, suggest alternative approaches to meet the proposal's need, and provide comments to refine the issues as well as the breadth and depth of analyses to be conducted within the EIS/OEIS. Three scoping meetings were held—two on Saipan and one on Tinian.

3.1 SCOPING MEETING ATTENDANCE

Table 3-1 presents the scoping meetings, number of attendees, and the number of comment submittals received. A total of 227 people attended the scoping meetings and 24 comment submittals were received during the scoping meetings. In some cases, several individuals came to multiple meetings.

Table 3-1. Summary of Meeting Attendants and Number of Comment Submittals

	<i>Meeting 1 April 10, 2013 Dandan Elementary School</i>	<i>Meeting 2 April 11, 2013 Tinian Gym</i>	<i>Meeting 3 April 12, 2013 Carolinian Utt</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Attendance	70	61	96	227
Number of comment submittals	5	6	13	24

3.2 SCOPING MEETING FORMAT

The goal of the scoping meetings was to provide the public an opportunity to learn about and provide input on the proposed action. The scoping meetings were conducted in an “open house” format to allow attendees to speak one on one with U.S. military representatives and subject matter experts. The meeting consisted of the following elements:

- **Overview Video:** A 6.5-minute video was set up in the meeting area to familiarize meeting attendees with the NEPA process and the proposed action. A compact disc of the video is included as part of Appendix E.
- **Welcome Station:** A welcome table with handouts, mailing list signup sheets, and a poster providing an overview of the CJMT EIS/OEIS poster stations was set up at the entrance of each meeting venue. Greeters welcomed attendees at the entrance and explained the purpose of the scoping meetings, provided them with informational handouts and comment forms, and provided them an opportunity to sign up for the CJMT EIS/OEIS mailing list. Greeters also identified the comment table where attendees could provide written or verbal comments.
- **Poster Stations:** CJMT EIS/OEIS subject matter experts staffed poster stations and answered questions from the attendees. In addition, three Section 106 posters were set up in a separate area and staffed with subject matter experts to explain the Section 106 process and to solicit public input on identifying potential historic properties and potential impacts on historic properties that could result from the proposed action.
- **Comment Station:** A table was set up at each scoping meeting to provide attendees an area to compose their comments in written format or to provide them orally on to a digital recorder.
- **Translators:** A Chamorro translator was available at all three scoping meetings. Additionally, a Carolinian translator was available at the two Saipan meetings.

- **Media Outreach:** Representatives from the CJMT EIS/OEIS team, including Public Affairs Officers made themselves available for interviews and other media outreach at each of the scoping meetings.

3.3 SCOPING MATERIAL

Posters, a booklet, a fact sheet, and a 6.5-minute video constituted the scoping materials (Appendix E). These materials were also available for viewing and downloading on the public website throughout the scoping period, and continue to be available on the website.

3.3.1 Posters

The sixteen posters displayed at the public scoping meetings are listed below:

CJMT EIS/OEIS Posters (Appendix E)

1. Welcome
2. NEPA Process and Scoping Overview
3. Resources
4. Proposed Action and Purpose and Need
5. Proposed Training – Unit Level
6. Preliminary Unit Level Training for Tinian – Alternative 1
7. Preliminary Unit Level Training for Tinian – Alternative 2
8. Preliminary Unit Level Training for Tinian – Alternative 3
9. Proposed Training – Combined Level
10. Preliminary Combined Level Training for Pagan – Alternatives 1 and 2
11. Air and Sea Space
12. U.S. Military in Your Community
13. How to Provide Comments

Section 106 Posters (Appendix F)

1. Section 106 Process and Public Involvement
2. Potential Effects on Historic Properties
3. Cultural Resources Area of Potential Effect

3.3.2 Handouts

3.3.2.1 Fact Sheet

A CJMT EIS/OEIS fact sheet was available in three languages: English, Chamorro, and Carolinian and was available to all attendees. It provided an overview of the proposed action, explained the purpose and need for the proposed action, and described the format of the scoping meetings. The back of the fact sheet outlined the various ways to comment (by mail, online, and in person at the scoping meetings), details of the scoping meeting locations and times, and provided space for taking notes (Appendix E).

3.3.2.2 Booklet

A 16-page color CJMT EIS/OEIS scoping meeting booklet (Appendix E) was available to all meeting attendees and extra copies were given to the Mayor, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan for further dissemination to Tinian residents. The booklet contained an overview of the scoping meetings and NEPA process, a brief explanation of why the action requires preparation of an OEIS, potential topics that may be analyzed in the CJMT EIS/OEIS, background information on the purpose and need for the proposed

action, safety measures that would potentially be employed under the proposed action, a description of the preliminary alternatives for training on Tinian and Pagan, proposed special use air and sea space, and information on how to provide scoping comments.

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CHAPTER 4

SCOPING COMMENT SUMMARY

4.1 COMMENT METHODS

Throughout the scoping period, MARFORPAC provided multiple avenues for the public to submit comments:

- written and oral comments at the scoping meetings;
- mailed through U.S. postal service; and
- electronically via the website.

In addition to providing the above avenues for public comment, MARFORPAC accepted comments submitted via U.S. postal service in non-traditional formats such as recorded audio and video media, petitions, and public forums.

Regardless of the method, each submittal was considered as a single comment even if the same person addressed multiple topics. A comment submittal could contain one or more topics of public concern. These topics were categorized as such and tabulated. All comments received, regardless of format, became part of the administrative record associated with the proposed action.

4.1.1 Written and Oral Comments

Written comments, whether composed prior to or at the scoping meetings, were solicited and accepted. Comment forms were handed out at the welcome table and available at the comment table. A box was designated to collect written comments from meeting attendees. Comments were also accepted verbally through a digital recorder at the meetings. Translators were available to assist Chamorro- or Carolinian-speaking individuals and assist in translation.

4.1.2 Mailed Comments

Hard-copy comments as well as recorded audio and video comments were accepted via U.S. mail.

4.1.3 Website Comments

Public comments were submitted via the website at www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com. Comments submitted through the website were transferred to a database where each submission counted as an individual comment document.

4.1.4 Non-traditional Formats

Audio and video comments that were submitted in non-traditional formats were translated into English, as appropriate, and the commenter's words were summarized. Every effort was made to treat each speaker as a single comment submittal.

4.2 COMMENT DATA

A total of 198 unique comment submittals were received during the public scoping period. In addition, there were eight duplicates (i.e., content was identical to another comment submitted from the same organization, agency, or person). The 198 comments are considered to be individual comment submittals for purposes of this report and are displayed in Table 4-1, which outlines comments received by

submission type (e.g., mailed, in person, via website). As shown in the table, 42 percent of the comments were submitted via the website.

Table 4-1. Comment Submittals Received by Method of Submission

<i>Method of Submission</i>	<i>Number of Comments Received</i>
Written comments (via U.S. mail)	30
Audio comments (via U.S. mail)	47
Written comments collected at the Dandan scoping meeting	5
Written comments collected at the Tinian scoping meeting	6
Written comments collected at the Carolinian Utt scoping meeting	6
Audio comments collected at the Carolinian Utt scoping meeting	7
Video comments (recorded outside the Carolinian Utt scoping meeting and submitted via U.S. mail)	9
Via comment website	84
Via email	4
TOTAL	198

4.3 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BY CATEGORY

During the CJMT EIS/OEIS public scoping period, MARFORPAC received comments from a variety of groups including: CNMI and federal government agencies, elected officials, business and commercial entities, interest groups, and individual citizens. Table 4-2 summarizes the number of comment submittals received by category (excluding duplicates). Please note that the following summarizes topics identified from comment submittals received during the scoping process, and does not represent an agency policy or decision.

Table 4-2. Commenters by Category

<i>Commenter Category</i>	<i>Number of Commenters</i>
Individual citizens	134
CNMI government (agencies and elected officials)	29
Federal government (agencies)	5
Non-governmental organizations	30
TOTAL	198

4.4 PROCESSING OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

All comment submittals were assigned an identification number for tracking purposes; duplicates were removed (but were kept for inclusion in the administrative record). Each unique submittal was evaluated and every topic was identified and tagged by issue. For example, a comment submittal could have touched on topics such as the proposed action, marine biology, and historic landmarks. Then within the proposed action topic, there could be separate issues the submittal has identified such as training over land, why choose CNMI, and what type of training could occur on the beach. Table 4-3 shows the topics for which comments were received. Section 4.5 provides a summary of the scoping comments listed below.

Table 4-3. Comments by EIS Topic

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Number of Comments</i>	<i>Issues (described in Section 4.5)</i>
Description of the proposed action/purpose and need	48	Land activities, sea activities, air activities
NEPA process/public involvement	44	Scoping period length, two EIS/OEISs, public participation
Action alternatives	49	Tinian, Pagan, International Broadcasting Bureau, other alternatives
Location	198	CNMI, Pagan, Tinian
Indirect/cumulative impacts	95	Induced development
Ecological effects	91	Ecosystems, sensitive habitats
Geology and soils	28	Soil erosion, topography, geological hazard
Water resources	25	Fresh water, marine water, surface water
Air quality	9	Increased infrastructure construction
Noise	15	Community, marine and terrestrial biology
Airspace	17	Special Use Airspace
Land use	109	Resettlement/homesteading, access, acquisition, agriculture
Recreation	31	Boating/fishing/diving/beach, access
Terrestrial biology	66	Threatened and endangered species, habitat destruction, mortality, resilience
Marine biology	49	Threatened and endangered species, coral, habitat destruction, invasive species
Section 106/cultural resources	64	Cultural identity, historic resources, National Historic Landmark, medicinal plants
Visual resources	25	Visual landscape, island beauty
Transportation	28	Marine transportation, roads, traffic
Utilities	21	Energy, potable water, wastewater
Socioeconomics and general services	119	Settlement (general/Pagan), fishing, subsistence agriculture, cattle ranching, agriculture, tourism
Hazardous materials and waste	58	Contamination, unexploded ordnance, hazardous materials
Public health and safety	61	Cancer, contamination, unexploded ordnance, hazardous materials
Environmental justice	93	Inequality toward CNMI residents
Mitigation	20	Previous NEPA mitigation measures

Note: One comment submittal may contain multiple identified topics and/or issues.

4.5 SUMMARY OF SCOPING COMMENTS

The following subsections provide a summary of the comments received during the extended CJMT EIS/OEIS scoping period.

4.5.1 Description of Proposed Action/Purpose and Need

Comments requested that the proposed action be separated into two distinct EIS/OEISs, one each for Tinian and Pagan. Comments questioned the need for live-fire training given computer simulation technology and the existing training ranges on Farallon de Medinilla, Guam, and Hawaii.

4.5.2 NEPA Process/Public Involvement

Commenters encouraged others to participate in the NEPA process and to submit written comments. Commenters requested an extension of the scoping period. Commenters made several observations about NEPA, generally requesting more explanation of the analysis methodology and stating that NEPA is inherently a western approach to knowledge generation and decision making that is not in tune with the cultural practices of the people of the CNMI. Comments stated that the process prioritizes English speakers, but acknowledged the effort made during the scoping process to accommodate non-English speakers. Comments were expressed about the appropriateness of multiple NEPA analyses currently or recently conducted in the region. There were requests for weekend public tours of all areas under consideration prior to public meetings for the CJMT Draft EIS/OEIS.

4.5.3 Action Alternatives

Commenters requested that each alternative discuss how it complies with the CNMI Covenant and the “Technical Agreement Regarding Use of Land to be Leased by the U.S. in the Northern Mariana Islands” (signed February 15, 1975). Comments also requested the EIS/OEIS include a full discussion of reasonable alternatives and the use of environmental criteria and operational criteria for evaluating alternatives. On Tinian, comments asked about an alternative where training would occur only in the north-central part of the island, that range alternatives allow for continued use of leased land for agricultural production, and cattle grazing. For Pagan, comments asked why all of the island of Pagan is included in both preliminary alternatives for the island. Other comments requested that the CJMT EIS/OEIS examine the benefits and disadvantages between having training activities only in the CNMI instead of having both training and housing on Guam.

4.5.4 Location

Comments expressed a desire for military training to occur in a location other than Pagan, Tinian, or in the CNMI. Comments related to the island of Pagan expressed opposition to any use of the island for military training activities or avoid Pagan entirely and conduct military training only on existing leased lands in Tinian. Other comments recommended that the live-fire training occur on one of the northern islands and not on Tinian or Saipan (i.e., away from populated areas).

4.5.5 Indirect/Cumulative Impacts

Indirect and cumulative impacts, including induced development, were topics of concern for both islands. For instance, what type of indirect impacts would occur from military airspace operations for aircraft traveling to and from other islands such as Rota, and effects to operations and tourism at the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

4.5.6 Ecological Effects

Comments expressed concerns about potential degradation of the natural environment such as effects on ecosystems and sensitive habitats (i.e., wetlands) due to military training.

4.5.7 Geology and Soils

Under geology and soils, comments included the potential for impacts to the topography of the islands, soil erosion and sedimentation effects to coral reefs, and impacts to soil stability on Pagan.

4.5.8 Water Resources

Commenters were concerned if the proposed action would degrade water quality in marine, surface, and/or groundwater locations.

4.5.9 Air Quality

Comments expressed concerns about potential impacts to air quality from increased human activity and infrastructure development (e.g., energy generation) resulting from the proposed action.

4.5.10 Noise

Comments expressed concerns about the effects of noise associated with live-fire training to humans and wildlife, as well as the distance noise could travel from some artillery exercises.

4.5.11 Airspace

Comments expressed concerns about potential impacts to air travel from any proposed airspace restrictions.

4.5.12 Land Use

Land use comments included whether resettlement would be possible on the island of Pagan, continued access to leased lands on Tinian, the type of land control needed by the military, and if agriculture uses would continue to be permitted within the lease lands on Tinian. Comments expressed support for the military proposal but not for the military's acquisition of additional land. Commenters requested that any proposed land acquisition of privately owned land be identified in the EIS/OEIS. Specific land use concerns for Tinian and Pagan were on access to graves, cemeteries, shrines, *latte* sites, and areas where traditional cultural practices are undertaken. Comments associated with Pagan expressed concern over future mining of pozzolan, status of individuals on the island, and the rights of individuals who claim past land interest on the island. Tinian comments were on the scope of the military lease agreement, potential resettlement of the Military Lease Area, and compatible use of leased area for cattle ranching and agriculture. Concerns were also expressed about access to the following areas: Tinian National Historic Landmark, other cultural sites, beaches, diving areas, fishing areas, other recreational sites, and food production areas.

4.5.13 Recreation

Commenters expressed concerns regarding how the proposal would impact tourism, fishing, hunting, cultural activities, beach access, and boating.

4.5.14 Terrestrial Biology

Comments identified threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, sensitive species, and biological diversity that the EIS/OEIS should study and include in the EIS/OEIS. Comments noted the tree snail (*Partula gibba*), potential effects to non-listed/non-protected terrestrial organisms including birds, livestock, and vegetation, as well as the potential for the accidental introduction of invasive species including the brown tree snake. Comments requested an update to the Regional Biosecurity Plan.

4.5.15 Marine Biology

Comments requested the potential impacts to threatened and endangered marine species, marine mammals, and biological diversity, and coral reefs be studied. Specifically, comments asked what type of impacts would occur to the marine environment including fishes, coral reefs, and essential fish habitat. Comments also expressed concern about potential for the accidental introduction of invasive species such as water-borne organisms carried on the hulls of ocean vessels. Comments requested an update to the Regional Biosecurity Plan.

4.5.16 Section 106/Cultural Resources

Cultural resource comments for Tinian and Pagan focused on impacts and access to cultural, archaeological and historic resources, the National Historic Landmark (Tinian), and the presence and availability of medicinal plants. Comments expressed concerns about how military training would affect Chamorro self-determination and the cultural identity of those individuals having historic roots to Pagan, Tinian, and the Northern Islands. For Pagan, comments emphasized the cultural connection former residents and their families have with Pagan.

4.5.17 Visual Resources

Comments identified concerns about the possibility of the proposed action negatively affecting the visual landscape and beauty of the islands. Increased light pollution was another concern raised by commenters.

4.5.18 Transportation

Comments identified concern about changes to ground, marine, and air transportation routes on and between the islands. Specifically, comments asked if airspace restrictions would conflict with civilian and commercial air traffic, affect the availability and frequency of flights between Tinian and Saipan, and if the airspace restrictions would have direct/indirect effects on the economies of Tinian, Saipan, and Rota. Commenters indicated that the markets on Tinian, Saipan, and Rota are too small to support larger airplanes or different routes.

4.5.19 Utilities

Comments asked about the ability of local utilities and associated infrastructure (e.g., energy, potable water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater) to meet the demand of population growth resulting from the proposed action. Comments raised concern about the potential need to improve infrastructure, fuel availability and storage, and developing new energy sources.

4.5.20 Socioeconomics and General Services

Under this topic, concerns were expressed about socioeconomic impacts to the CNMI and to operations and tourism such as those associated with the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. Generally, there were concerns about the quality of life for both current and future Northern Islanders, whether they would still be able to reside on Tinian, have the ability to homestead on Pagan, or continue to practice subsistence living. Specific to Pagan, concerns focused on opportunities for commercial fishing, eco-tourism, travel (aircraft and ocean vessel), proposed pozzolan mining/quarrying, and food production. For Tinian, comments expressed concerns about the proposed action economic impact on cattle ranching and farming within the lease area, tourism, commercial fishing, and commercial diving as a source of income for island residents. Comments suggested the U.S. military examine the potential for Tinian agriculture to supply military food produce needs. Comments inquired if mitigation would be provided for the loss of agricultural production currently taking place within the Military Lease Area, and the potential increased cost and availability of fresh produce and meat on the island of Tinian. Additionally, comments requested that the EIS/OEIS examine how Tinian's private sector would be engaged in the proposal in terms of number and type of jobs and availability of contracted work.

4.5.21 Hazardous Materials and Waste

Concerns were raised about potential impacts from expended and unexploded ordnance, residual munitions constituents, petroleum products, heavy metals, and other contaminants related to proposed training activities.

4.5.22 Public Health and Safety

Commenters expressed concerns about increased rates of cancer. On Tinian, commenters were concerned about safety hazards including bird aircraft strike hazard, wildfire, and unexploded ordnance associated with training. Comments asked if medical services would be provided and whether residents would have access to medical services. Comments noted the need to study whether more public services, such as fire, emergency, medical, and police services, will be needed as a result of the proposed action or increased population.

4.5.23 Environmental Justice

Comments were expressed on the inequality in treatment toward indigenous peoples and CNMI residents with a connection to the Northern Islands compared to residents of Guam and the U.S. mainland.

4.5.24 Mitigation

Comments requested an examination of how the proposed action may impact mitigation measures that have resulted from commitments made in previous NEPA actions.

4.6 POST-SCOPING: NEXT STEPS

With the conclusion of the public scoping period, MARFORPAC, as the Executive Agent, will utilize the comments to inform and shape the analyses to be conducted within the EIS/OEIS.

As discussed above, public scoping comments are an essential part of developing the Draft EIS/OEIS. Responses are not provided to scoping comments. However, the comments are shared with all EIS/OEIS team members to ensure that they are fully considered during preparation of the Draft EIS/OEIS.

The next opportunity for public involvement will occur with the publication of the Draft EIS/OEIS. The public will be able to review the Draft EIS/OEIS, provide comments, and participate in public meetings. Comments provided on the Draft EIS/OEIS during the public comment period will be incorporated into the Final EIS/OEIS. The Final EIS/OEIS will include the comments and responses to comments.

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REFERENCES

Federal Register (FR) 16257. 2013. *Notice of Intent To Prepare the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement / Overseas Environmental Impact Statement*. 14 March.

Federal Register (FR) 23920. 2013. *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*. 23 April.

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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 PMC 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 F5090.2A. 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' unfiled 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 808-472-1233 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

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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 layoffs 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

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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.



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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 23, 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.cnmijointmilitarytrainingsis.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 F5090.2A, 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.cnmijointmilitarytrainingsis.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

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE THE CNMI JOINT
MILITARY TRAINING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/
OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC), as the Executive Agent designated by the United States Pacific Command, is extending the public scoping comment period for the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas EIS until May 13, 2013. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on Thursday, March 14, 2013 (Federal Register/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 initial public scoping comment period requested the submission of all comments on the NOI to MARFORPAC by April 29, 2013 Chamorro Standard Time (ChST).

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

Interested agencies, individuals, and groups may mail their 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.

Appendix B
Example Letter with Enclosures (Fact Sheet
[English Version] and Postcard Mailer)

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Name
Title
Organization
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Subject: Notice of Intent and Public Scoping Meetings for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS/OEIS)

Dear Sir/Madame:

The United States (U.S.) Marine Corps, as the Executive Agent for U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement /Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS/OEIS).

The NOI will be published in the Federal Register on March 15, 2013, and invites government agencies, private-sector organizations and the general public to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The U.S. military will hold scoping meetings to seek public comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS/OEIS. Three open house-style public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates, at the locations indicated below:

- Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Dandan Elementary School, 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

At the meetings, participants will be able to:

- View a slide presentation about the project
- Learn about the NEPA process, review project posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the project with U.S. Military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 106 process
- Submit comments

The public will have an opportunity to submit written comments either at the public meetings, in writing to the address below, or on the project website at www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis.com.

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

The 45-day scoping period will be open from March 15, 2013 to April 29, 2013 Chamorro Standard Time (ChST) for the public to provide comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS/OEIS. All comments should be received or postmarked by April 29, 2013 ChST.

Enclosed with this letter is a fact sheet summarizing the project and a scoping meeting notification postcard that will be mailed to other potentially interested parties prior to the public scoping meetings.

The U.S. Marine Corps is committed to working with our neighbors and partners in ensuring that this effort is a successful one. If you or your staff has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sherri Eng, at 808-477-5814 or sherri.eng@usmc.mil. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

CRAIG B. WHELDEN
Executive Director
Marine Corps Forces
Pacific

Enclosures: CJMT EIS/OEIS Factsheet
CJMT EIS/OEIS Postcard Notification

CJMT EIS/OEIS Factsheet



CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The United States (U.S.) is rebalancing military forces in the Asia Pacific region. In support of this, the U.S. military is proposing to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The U.S. Marine Corps is leading this joint service initiative on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. This proposed action, which involves land, air, and sea space, follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA provides the public with opportunities to provide input and assists the decision maker in making an informed decision. Your comments are welcome and important to us.

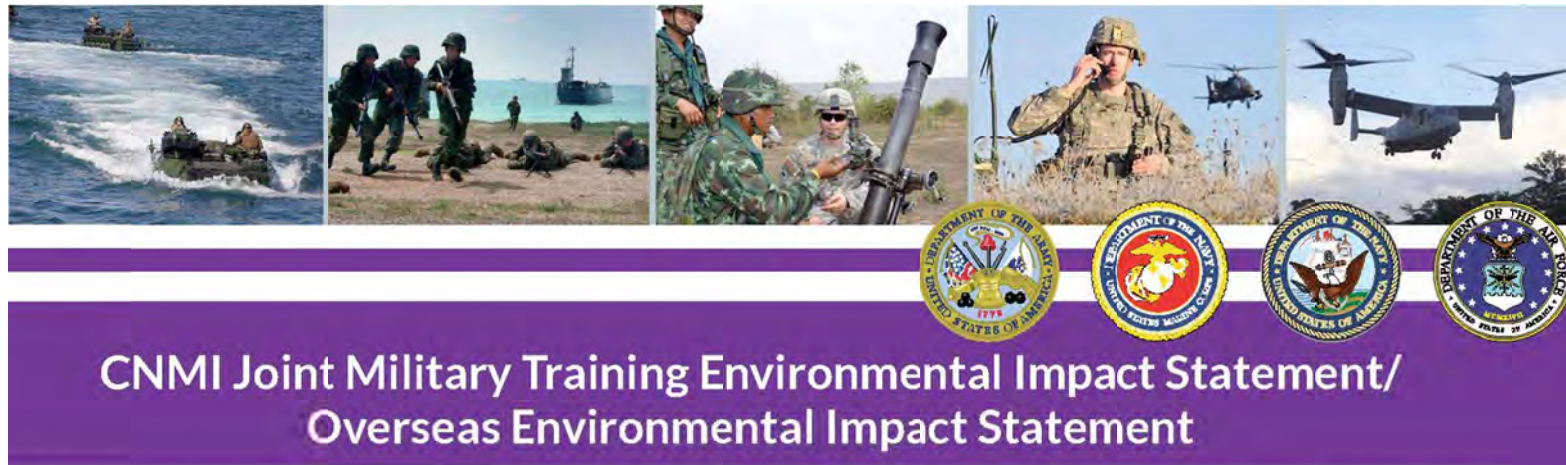
Proposed Action: The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific. Military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed to ensure that the U.S. military services fulfill their responsibility to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

Scoping Meetings: The U.S. military is holding open house style scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian to begin the NEPA process and to seek public comments on important issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS). At these meetings, you are encouraged to:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review proposed action posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Submit comments

CJMT EIS/OEIS Postcard Notification



The United States (U.S.) military is holding open house style scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian to begin the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and to seek public comments on the proposed scope and content of the upcoming CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS).

Please Attend the Upcoming Public Scoping Meetings

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

At these open house style meetings you can:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review proposed action posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Submit comments

CJMT EIS/OEIS Postcard Notification

We Need and Value Your Participation

We invite your comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS/OEIS. You can provide your input in a variety of ways:

- At the scoping meetings:
 - Fill out a comment form and return it before the end of the meeting

- After the scoping meetings:
 - 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

 - Submit comments electronically at
www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com

**Comments must be received or
postmarked by April 29, 2013
Chamorro Standard Time**

Naval Facilities Engineering
Command, Pacific
Attn: EV21, CNMI Joint Military
Training EIS/OEIS Project Manager
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postage

Mailing Address

Table B-1. Letter Recipients

<i>Salutation</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Ms.	Barbara	Alberti	Superintendent	National Park Service, War in the Pacific National Historic Park
Mayor	Tobias	Aldan	Mayor	Office of the Mayor, Municipality of the Northern Islands
Mr.	Paul	Amato	Program Manager	U.S. EPA Region 9
Honorable	Madeleine Z.	Bordallo	Congresswoman	U.S. Congress
Mr.	Douglas	Brennan	President	Saipan Chamber of Commerce
Dr.	Rita C.	Chong-Dela Cruz	Administrator	CNMI Coastal Resources Management Program
Mayor	Ramon	Dela Cruz	Mayor	Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Mr.	Edward M.	Deleon Guerrero	Executive Director, Saipan Ports	Commonwealth Port Authority
Honorable	Joseph Pinaula	Deleon Guerrero	Speaker, Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Melvin	Faisao	Secretary	CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs
Mayor	Donald	Flores	Mayor	Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Saipan
Lt. Governor	Jude Untalan	Hofschneider	Lt. Governor	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Governor	Eloy S.	Inos	Governor	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Mr.	John	McCarroll	Pacific Islands Office Manager	U.S. EPA Region 9
Mayor	Melchor A.	Mendiola	Mayor	Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Rota
Mr.	Aniceto T.	Ogumoro	Commissioner	CNMI Department of Public Safety, Office of the Commissioner
Mr.	Arnold I.	Palacios	Secretary	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources
Rear Admiral	Tilghman	Payne	Commander, Joint Region Marianas	Joint Region Marianas
Mr.	Mike	Pitzler	State Director	USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services
Mr.	Frank	Rabauliman	Director	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
Honorable	Gregorio Kilili Camacho	Sablan	Congressman	U.S. Congress
Mr.	Ramon	Salas	Acting Secretary	CNMI Department of Public Lands
Mr.	Gil M.	San Nicolas	Secretary	Department of Labor
Honorable	Ralph	Torres	President	CNMI Senate
CAPT	Casey	White	Sector Commander	U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam - OCMI

Table B-2. Postcard Recipients

<i>Salutation</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Honorable	Antonio	Agulto	Representative, Precinct V	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Vic	April	Staff Archaeologist	CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Office
Honorable	Juan	Ayuyu	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 1
Mr.	Anthony	Benavente	Director	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation
Honorable	Anthony	Benavente	Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Roman	Benavente	Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Manuel	Borja	Environmental Engineer	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
Honorable	Francisco Manglona	Borja	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 2
Honorable	Joaquin Hoashi	Borja	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 2
Ms.	Valerie	Brown	Coral Reef Ecologist	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Division - Guam Office
Ms.	Rosemary	Camacho	Administration	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife
Honorable	George Norita	Camacho	Representative, Precinct IV	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Vicente	Camacho		CNMI Military and Veteran Affairs
Mr.	Earl	Campbell	Field Supervisor	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Pacific Islands Office
Ms.	Fran	Castro	Nonpoint Source and Marine Monitoring Program Manager	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
Honorable	Trenton Brian	Conner	Representative, Precinct VI	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Tim	Cornelison	Air Traffic Manager, Guam/CNMI	Federal Aviation Administration
Honorable	Francisco	Cruz	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 2
Mr.	Gerry	Davis	Assistant Regional Administrator for Habitat	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Habitat Division
Honorable	Francisco Santos	Dela Cruz	Vice Speaker, Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Lorenzo	Deleon Guerrero	Representative, Precinct V	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Rafael Sablan	Demapan, Jr.	Floor Leader, Representative, Precinct II	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Lawrence	Duponcheel		Tinian Cattlemen's Association
Mr.	Richard	Farrell		CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
Mr.	Mark	Filipek	Director, Operations and Stations Division (T/EOS) Office of Technology, Services and Innovation	IBB Voice of America Tinian
Ms.	Kate	Fuller	Legal Counsel	CNMI Division of Environmental Quality
Honorable	Christopher D. Leon	Guerrero	Representative, Precinct IV	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Victor Borja	Hocog	Floor Leader	CNMI Senate, District 1
Mr.	Sylvan O.	Igisomar	Director	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife
Mr.	Jose	King	Director	CNMI Department of Public Safety, Tinian Fire Division
Mr.	Hank	Krakowski	Chief Operating Officer	Federal Aviation Administration
Mr.	Eusebio M.	Manglona		CNMI Department of Public Safety
Mr.	Ross	Manglona	Director	CNMI Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension and Education
Honorable	Janet Ulloa	Maratita	Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Ms.	Gayle	Martin	Natural Resources Planning	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife
Mr.	Phillip	Mendiola-Long	President	Tinian Chamber of Commerce
Dr.	Loyal	Meyerhoff	Field Supervisor	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Pacific Islands Office
Mr.	Augustin	Moses	Environmental Protection Specialist	Federal Aviation Administration
Dr.	Dilip	Nandwani	Paleontologist	CNMI Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service
Honorable	Felicidad	Ogumoro	Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	John	Palacios		CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Office
Mr.	Manuel	Pangelinan	Acting Director	CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture
Mr.	Lee	Perlow		CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife
Mr.	Dan	Polhemus	Environmental Review Coordinator	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Mr.	Manuel	Rabauliman	Director of Homestead	CNMI Department of Public Lands
Ms.	Patricia	Rasa	Planning	CNMI Department of Public Lands
Honorable	Pete Pangelinan	Reyes	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 3
Honorable	Seman	Richard	Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	John	Sablan	Representative, Precinct II	CNMI House of Representatives

Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
Honorable	Antonio Pangelinan	Sablan	Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Teresita Apatang	Santos	Representative, Precinct VII	CNMI House of Representatives
Ms.	Kitty	Simonds	Executive Director	NOAA Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
Mr.	Nicolas A.	Songsong		CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources
Honorable	Jovita Maratita	Taimanao	Legislative Secretary	CNMI Senate, District 1
Honorable	Mariano	Taitano	Representative, Precinct I	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Ramon Angailen	Tebuteb	Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Ms.	Tany	Topalian	CNMI Field Office	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service - CNMI Office
Honorable	Ralph Deleon Guerrero	Torres	Vice President	CNMI Senate, District 3
Mr.	Michael D.	Tosatto	Pacific Islands Regional Administrator	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Regional Office
Ms.	Alecia	Van Atta	Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources	NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Protected Resources Division
Honorable	Edmund Sablan	Villagomez	Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Mr.	Ryan	Winn	Project Manager	Department of Army, U.S. Army Engineer District, Guam, Regulatory Branch
Honorable	Ray Naraja	Yumul	Representative, Precinct III	CNMI House of Representatives
Honorable	Ray	Yumul	Senator	CNMI Senate, District 3

Appendix C
Stakeholder Briefing Materials

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CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING

INFORMATION BRIEF

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Background

INFORMATION BRIEF

- **October 2009 Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) Study**
 - Identified deficiencies in ranges and training areas, particularly in the Western Pacific

- **2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR)**
 - Buttressed IDA study's position for more training capabilities in the Western Pacific

- **2013 Training Needs Assessment (TNA)**
 - Identified and validated unfilled training at 4 Hubs: Hawaii, Japan/Okinawa, Mariana Islands (Guam/CNMI), Korea
 - Mariana Islands Hub has the most requirements that are considered either partially or not mission capable

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Background

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➤ 2013 Requirements and Siting Study (RSS)

- Study to identify possible locations within the CNMI for placement of Ranges and Training Areas (RTAs)
- Applied operational siting criteria for unit level and combined training
 - Land use compatibility
 - Topographic compatibility (slope, contiguous land mass, beach front, transition)
 - Air space
 - Ability to employ full spectrum of weapons (combined training only)
- Maximized use of DoD leased areas within CNMI
- Preliminary findings anticipate a need for additional land in the CNMI
- Identified Tinian and Pagan as only possible locations for combined and unit level training

Note: TNA and RSS available on website

www.CNMIjointmilitarytrainingeis.com

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Background

INFORMATION BRIEF

- **CJMT EIS is an Independent Action**
 - Multiple On-going actions in PACOM AOR (MITT, MIRC, DIVERT, JGPO)
 - CJMT EIS is not conditioned upon or part of DPRI Guam re-location
- **CJMT EIS is Joint Service Document**
 - 42 unfilled training requirements identified by PACOM Service Components (Unit and Combined Level)
 - Focuses primarily upon expeditionary ground training requirements vice at sea requirements
 - Ground requirements affect airspace and sea space
- **NOI Released in Federal Register** - 14 March 2013 (EST)

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Proposed Action

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The Proposed Action would:

- Establish a series of Ranges and Training Areas (RTA) within the CNMI to meet unfilled unit-level and combined-level military training requirements in the western Pacific.

The Purpose of the Proposed Action is to:

- Reduce existing and anticipated joint training deficiencies for PACOM and its Service Components in the western Pacific.

The Proposed Action is needed to:

- Provide additional training capabilities and capacity through development of additional and improved range and training areas in the CNMI to ensure that U.S. Forces in the PACOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) are capable of fulfilling their Title 10 responsibilities to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces to meet U.S. mission for military readiness in the region.

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Preliminary Alternatives

INFORMATION BRIEF

- **Tinian - Unit level live-fire training**
 - Fully utilization of DoD-leased land
 - Infrastructure Requirements
 - Impact areas, fixed automated ranges, and associated targets
 - Amphibious beach landings and landing zones
 - Transient base camp
 - Transportation system improvements and access points (piers, roads)
 - Potential relocation of International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB)
 - Create Special Use
- **Pagan – Combined Level live-fire training**
 - Infrastructure Requirements
 - Impact area and maneuver corridors
 - Amphibious beach landings and landing zones
 - Expeditionary base camp
 - Transportation system improvements and access points (pier, breakwater, roads, airstrip)
 - Create Special Use Airspace

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Preliminary Alternatives

INFORMATION BRIEF

➤ No Action Alternative

- RTAs would not be constructed on the islands of Tinian and Pagan; training deficit would persist
- Continue current approved training activities (limited non-tactical live fire, non-live fire training, amphibious warfare and urban warfare) on Tinian and Pagan, as well as, development of the 4 ranges on Tinian covered under the 2010 Guam EIS Record of Decision.

NOTE: These are Preliminary Alternatives subject change and alteration pursuant to the NEPA process.

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Special Considerations

INFORMATION BRIEF

Tinian

- Socioeconomic
- Return of Leaseback Area
- Airspace
- Access to National Historic Landmark
- Access to Military Lease Area
- Effects to Cultural Resources
- Effects to Natural Resources

Pagan

- Socioeconomic
- Land Acquisition/Homesteading
- Effects to Cultural Resources
- Effects to Natural Resources

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Cooperating Agencies

INFORMATION BRIEF

The following agencies have been invited to be cooperating agencies:

- U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs
- Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- International Broadcasting Bureau
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Air Force

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Public Outreach

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- **Public Outreach to Date**
 - CNMI Official Briefings – Feb 2013
 - Letters and Postcards – Mar 2013
 - Newspaper Advertisements – Mar & Apr 2013

- **Scoping Meetings (open house format with posters)**
 - April 10, 2013, 5:00-8:00 pm, Saipan, CMNI
 - April 11, 2013, 4:00-7:00 pm, Tinian, CNMI
 - April 12, 2013, 5:00-8:00 pm Saipan, CNMI

- **Public Website**
 - www.CNMIjointmilitarytrainingeis.com

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Notional Schedule

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Notice of Intent	March 14, 2013
Public Scoping Meetings	April 2013
Draft EIS/OEIS NOA	November 2014
Draft EIS/OEIS Public Hearings	December 2014
Final EIS/OEIS NOA	March 2016
Record of Decision	April 2016

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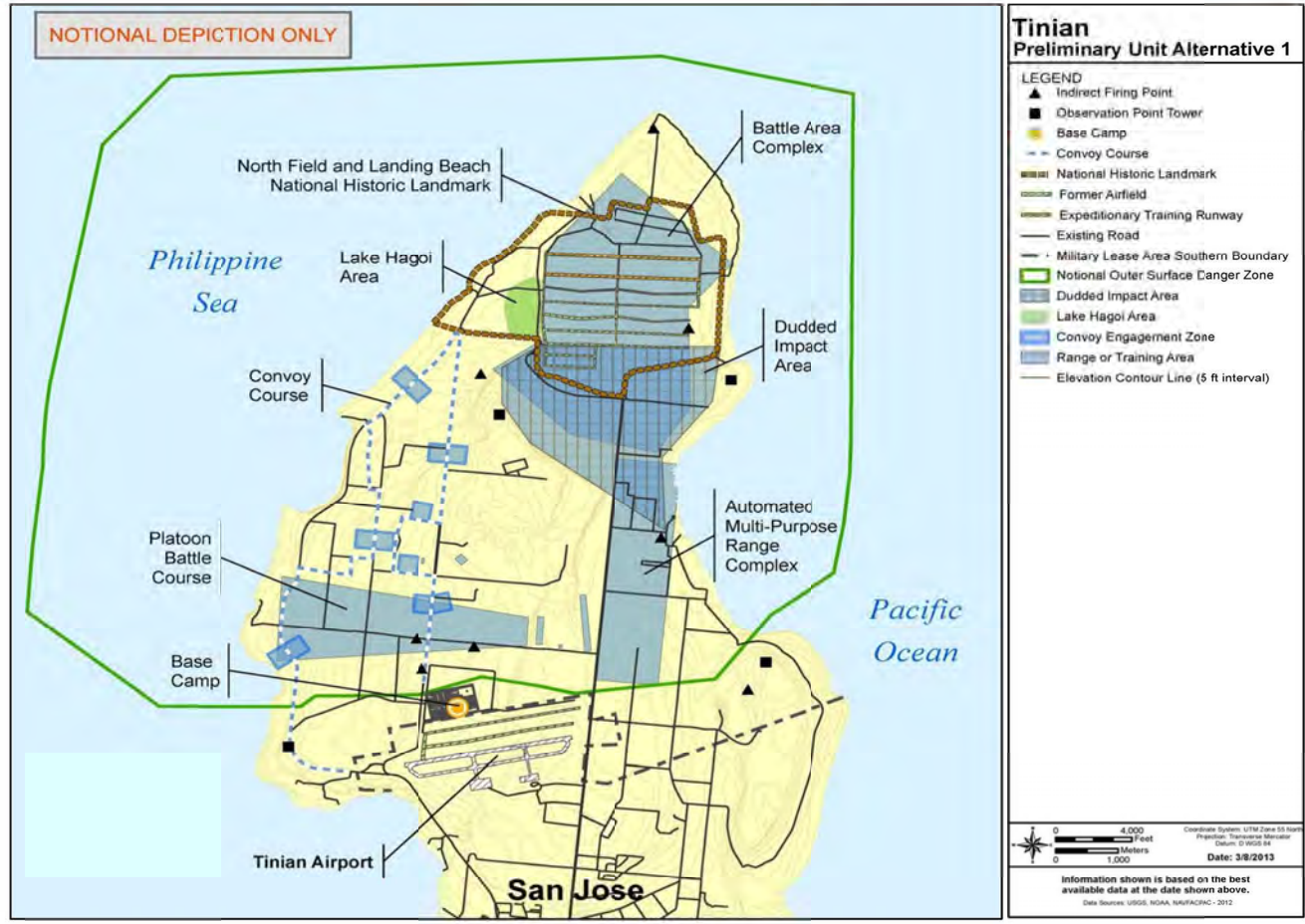
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10-12 April 2013

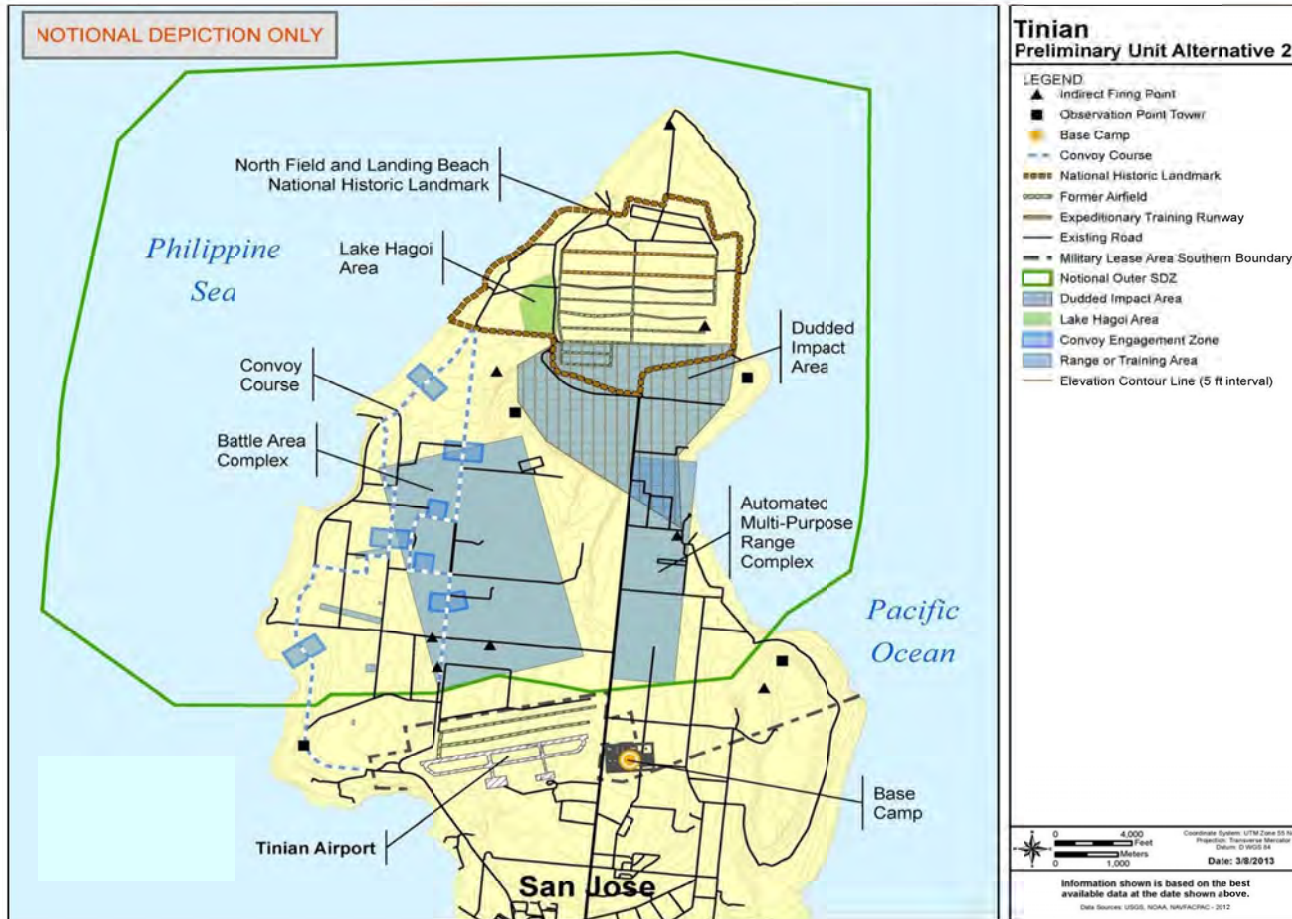


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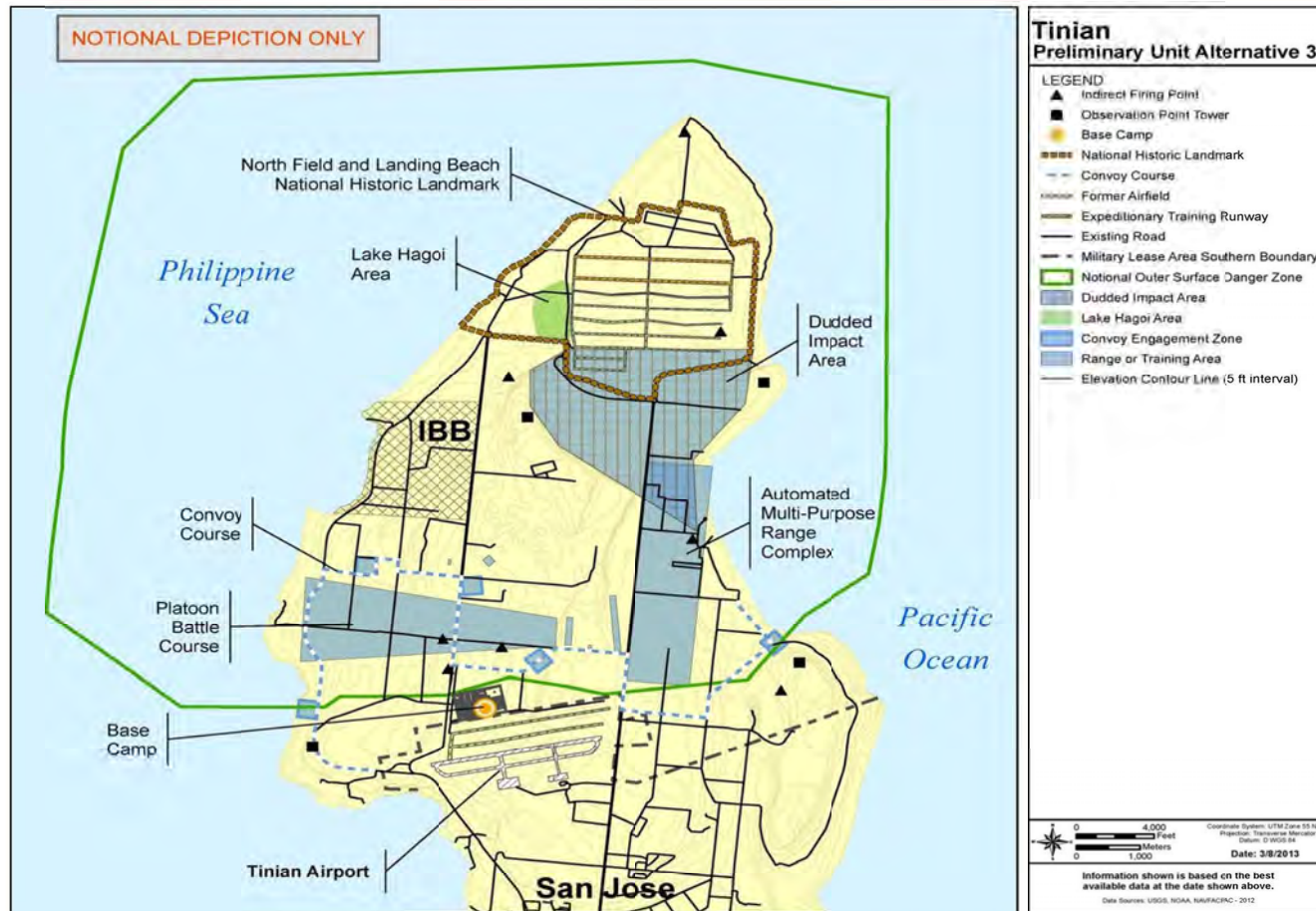


Tinian Alternative 2





Tinian Alternative 3



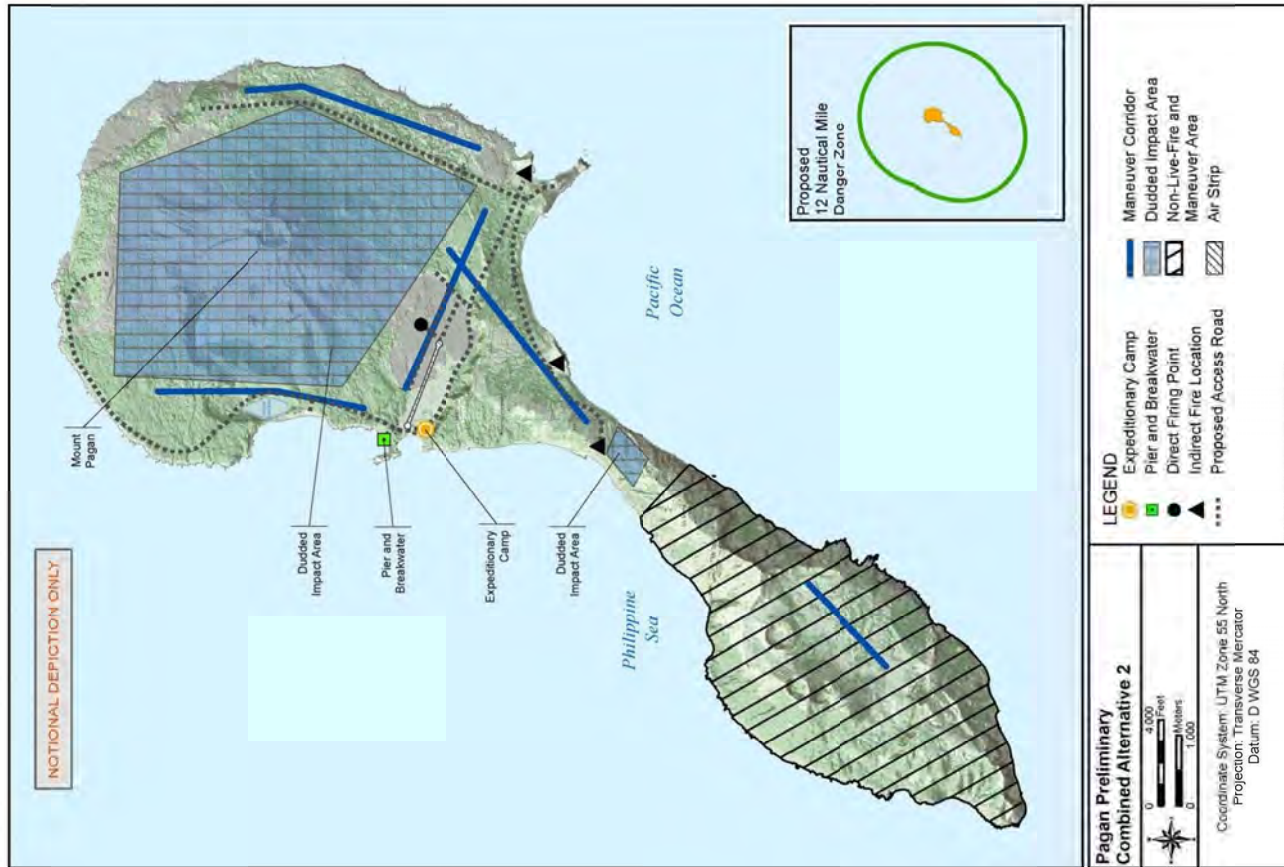


Pagan Alternative 1



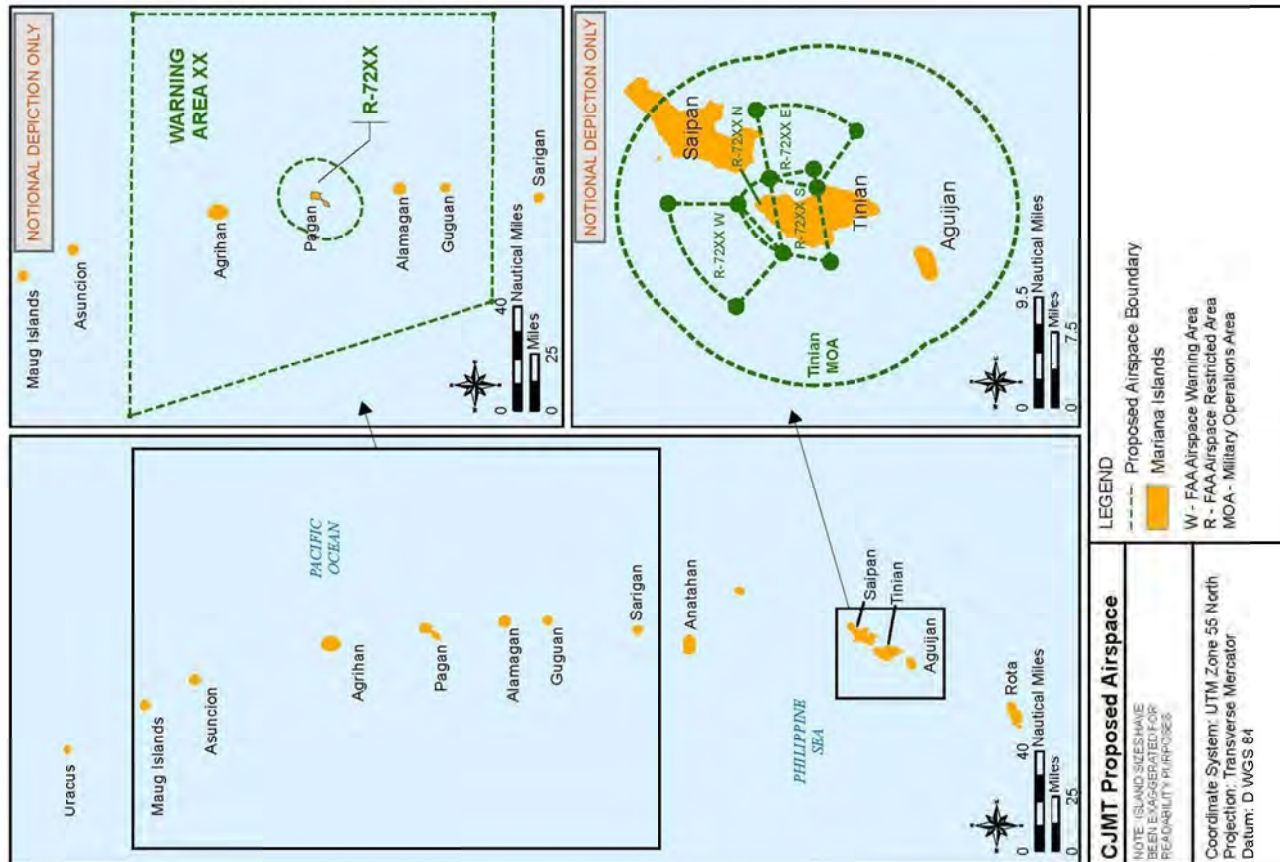


Pagan Alternative 2





CJMT Airspace Proposals



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Cooperating Agency Communications

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

Name
Title
Agency
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Dear Mr./Ms. Name:

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

On 25 August 2010, United States Pacific Command (PACOM) appointed Marine Forces Pacific (MARFORPAC) as the Executive Agent to conduct studies and complete appropriate environmental planning documentation in support of identifying a solution(s) for existing training deficiencies in the PACOM area of responsibility. After conduct of a Training Needs Assessment and a Requirements and Siting Study, MARFORPAC and PACOM concluded that the greatest number of training deficiencies occurred in the CNMI. The CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) will develop and analyze range and training area alternatives to satisfy PACOM Service Components' unfilled unit-level and combined-level military training requirements in the CNMI. The proposed action is to improve existing and develop new live-fire military ranges and training areas in the CNMI; specifically the islands of Tinian and Pagan.

MARFORPAC requests AGENCY formal participation as a Cooperating Agency in preparation of its CJMT EIS, as prescribed in the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations, 40 CFR § 1501.6 Cooperating Agencies. Cooperating Agency responsibilities are explained in 40 CFR § 1501.6 and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Participating in scoping, review, and hearing processes;
- b. Assuming responsibility, upon request, for developing information and preparing environmental analyses, including portions of the environmental impact statement for which the Cooperating Agency has special expertise;
- c. Making available staff, at the lead agency's request, to support and enhance the latter's interdisciplinary capability; and,

- d. Adherence to the overall schedule as set forth by MARFORPAC.

Please provide your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating whether AGENCY accepts our request to serve as a Cooperating Agency and the point of contact for all EIS/OEIS matters. To avoid unnecessary delays in the NEPA process, MARFORP AC must have timely support from the cooperating agencies. In turn, MARFORPAC will ensure it provides necessary information and related materials in a timely fashion to enable AGENCY to complete review and respond promptly.

Ms. Sherri Eng is the Environmental Planning Program Team Lead for MARFORPAC and will contact AGENCY 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.

CRAIG B. WHELDEN
Executive Director
Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Copy to:

AGENCY Staff

Table D-1. Cooperating Agency Status

Cooperating Agency	Status
Federal Aviation Administration	Accepted
International Broadcasting Bureau	Accepted
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service	Accepted
Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs	Accepted
U.S. Air Force	Accepted
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Acceptance pending
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Declined

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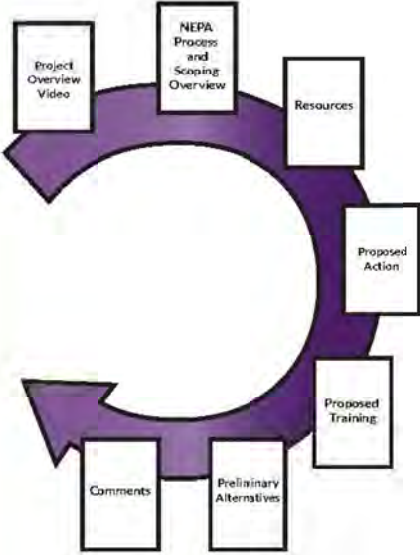
Appendix E
Scoping Meeting Material

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Welcome



You are encouraged to:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review posters and handouts on the proposed action
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Submit comments and provide feedback on the proposed action

Comments must be postmarked or received by April 29, 2013

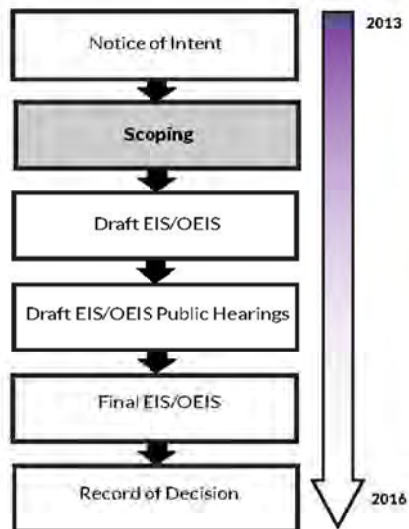
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NEPA Process and Scoping Overview

What is Scoping?

- An early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action
- One of many opportunities for public involvement in the EIS decision making process

Public participation throughout the NEPA process, including the scoping meetings, helps the U.S. military make informed decisions, which will ensure a successful project.



There are multiple opportunities for public review and input throughout the process

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Resources

Scoping gives the public an opportunity to provide early input on resources and environmental factors that should be analyzed in the EIS/OEIS



- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (marine, terrestrial)
- Cultural Resources (archaeological resources, historic resources)
- Environmental Justice
- Geology and Soils
- Hazardous Materials and Waste
- Infrastructure (utilities, transportation)
- Land Use (real estate, visual resources)
- Noise
- Public Health and Safety
- Recreation (fishing, diving, boating)
- Socioeconomics (tourism, agriculture, fishing)
- Water Resources

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Proposed Action and Purpose and Need

Proposed Action: The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed to ensure that the U.S. military services fulfill their responsibility to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.



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Proposed Training

Individual - **Unit** - Combined

Unit level training:

- Involves a group of military personnel having the same specialty/skills training together as a single cohesive unit (infantry, artillery, tanks)
- Focuses on meeting the mission of the unit on a particular range
- Uses both live-fire and non-live-fire in order to sustain combat readiness
- Must be completed prior to combined level training



Unit level training is proposed for Tinian

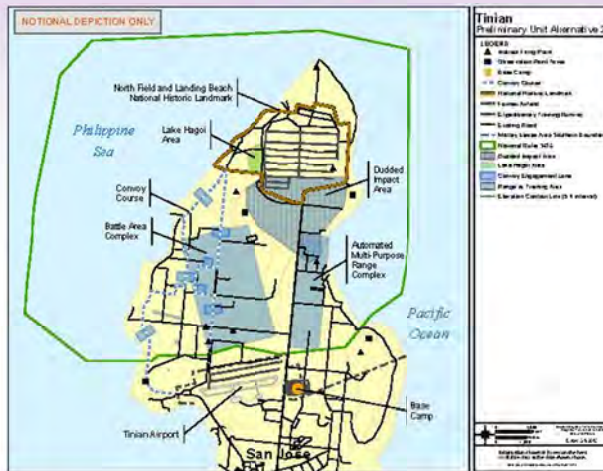
Examples of unit level training:

- An artillery or infantry unit fires at a simulated enemy position (target)
- An amphibious vehicle unit lands on a beach and moves to a live-fire range for weapons training
- An infantry unit practices convoy operations on a live-fire training course

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Preliminary Unit Alternative Tinian



Alternative 2

- Company-sized training area
- No separate platoon-sized training area
- Designated impact area for live ordnance
- Fixed small arms ranges (pistol, rifle, machine gun)
- Amphibious training at Military Lease Area beaches
- Relocation of International Broadcasting Bureau

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Preliminary Unit Alternative Tinian

Alternative 3

- Platoon-sized training area
- No separate company-sized training area
- Designated impact area for live ordnance
- Fixed small arms ranges (pistol, rifle, machine gun)
- Amphibious training at Military Lease Area beaches
- International Broadcasting Bureau is not relocated

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Proposed Training

Individual – Unit – **Combined**

Combined level training:

- Involves multiple units (ground, aviation, sea), training together toward a single objective, within the same training area
- Is more complex than unit level training as it requires the close coordination of multiple units

Combined level training is proposed for Pagan**Examples of combined level training:**

- A reconnaissance unit lands near a simulated enemy position, and directs naval gunfire to various targets ashore
- An infantry unit lands on a beach in amphibious assault vehicles and attacks a simulated enemy position
- Under the control of ground units, jet aircraft and helicopters support a beach landing by attacking the simulated enemy positions located on land



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Preliminary Combined Alternatives Pagan



Alternative 1 -

- Smaller designated impact area
- Maximizes potential maneuver area
- Utilizes the entire island for military training
- Limits access due to safety considerations

Alternative 2 -

- Larger designated impact area
- Maximizes potential combined arms training area
- Utilizes the entire island for military training
- Limits access due to safety considerations

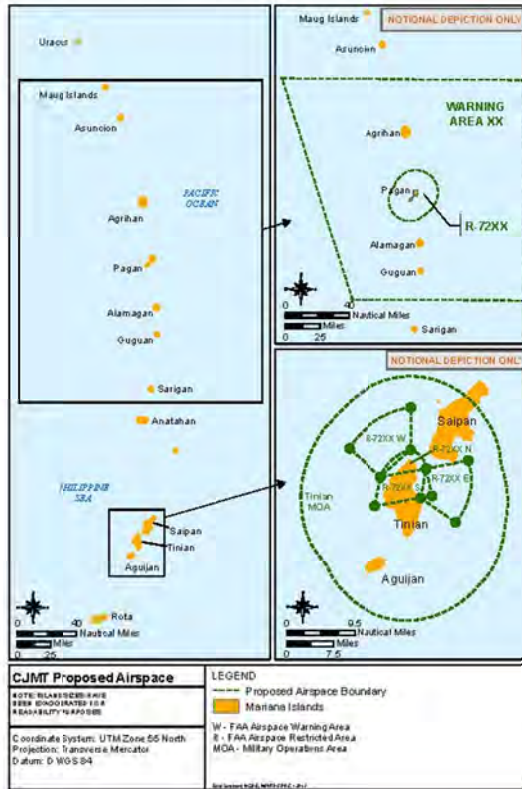


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Air and Sea Space

- Designed to support the preliminary Tinian and Pagan alternatives
- Provides for safe separation of civilian and military air and sea activities
- The Federal Aviation Administration would design the airspace boundaries with U.S. military input
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be the final decision makers for sea space



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How to Provide Comments

- **At this meeting:**
 - Fill out a comment form and return it before the end of the meeting



- **After this meeting:**
 - 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



- Submit comments electronically at:
www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com



Comments must be received or
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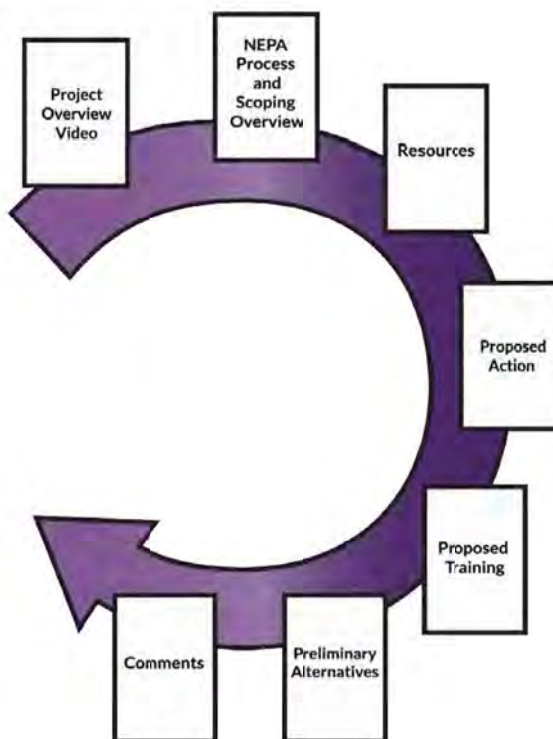
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) Open House Scoping Meetings

What to Expect at Public Scoping Meetings

The scoping meetings are being conducted in an open house format to encourage one-on-one discussion with United States (U.S.) military representatives who are available at the scoping meetings to answer your questions. We want your feedback on this proposed action. This is an opportunity for you to provide input in the EIS process.

At the scoping meetings you are encouraged to:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and review posters and handouts on the proposed action
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Submit comments and provide feedback on the proposed action



Project Overview

The U.S. is rebalancing forces in the Asia-Pacific region. In support of this, the U.S. military is proposing to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The U.S. Marine Corps is leading this joint service initiative on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. Analysis of this proposed action, which involves land, air, and sea space, follows NEPA. NEPA provides the public with opportunities to give input and assists the decision maker in making an informed decision.

Your comments are welcome and important to us.

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NEPA Process, Scoping Overview, and Resources

NEPA Process and Scoping Overview

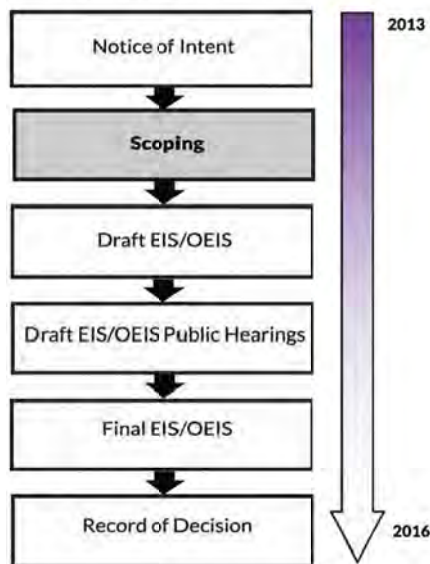
What is NEPA?

NEPA requires each federal agency to take into consideration the environmental effects of major federal actions. One of the primary goals of NEPA is to encourage meaningful public input and involvement throughout the NEPA process. An EIS is prepared when a proposed federal action may have the potential to have a significant effect on the natural or human environment and analyzes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action. Scoping gives the public an opportunity to provide early input on environmental effects and key issues requiring analysis in the EIS.

What is scoping?

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. Scoping is one of the many opportunities for public involvement in the EIS decision making process. Public participation throughout the NEPA process, including the scoping meetings, helps the U.S. military make informed decisions, which will ensure a successful project.

NEPA Process



There are multiple opportunities for public review and input throughout the NEPA process.

Why is this document also an Overseas EIS?

An OEIS is required when a proposed action and alternatives have the potential to have significant effect on the environment of the global commons. The global commons are defined as geographical areas outside the jurisdiction of any nation and include the oceans outside the territorial limits (i.e., more than 12 nautical miles [nm] from the coast) and Antarctica, but do not include contiguous zones and fisheries zones of foreign nations.

This document will be an OEIS as some aviation aspects of the proposed training are envisioned to travel outside of the 12-nm limits of the territory of the U.S.

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Resources

The U.S. military strives to be good stewards of the environment and through the NEPA process will analyze the potential effects of the proposed action on the natural and human environment. Scoping gives the public an opportunity to provide early input on aspects of the environment that should be analyzed in the EIS. The U.S. military will collaborate with federal and local resource agencies as part of the NEPA process.

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources (marine, terrestrial)
- Cultural Resources (archaeological resources, historic resources)
- Environmental Justice
- Geology and Soils
- Hazardous Materials and Waste
- Infrastructure (utilities, transportation)
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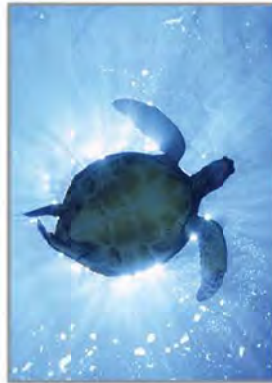


Biological and Cultural Resources

Biological Resources

Protecting the biological resources of the CNMI is important to the U.S. military. Categories of biological resources that will be analyzed as part of the EIS include:

- Threatened and endangered species
- Native forests
- Wetlands
- Migratory birds
- Fish/essential fish habitat
- Corals
- Near-shore marine mammals



Cultural Resources

Protecting the cultural resources of the CNMI is important to the U.S. military. Categories of cultural resources that will be analyzed as part of the EIS include:

- Archaeological sites
- Historic buildings and structures
- Traditional cultural properties
- National historic landmarks
- National historic register districts



Your input will help identify potential resources requiring detailed analysis in the EIS.

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Background

Why does the U.S. military need to train?

The U.S. military is required by law to maintain, equip, and train forces for combat. The U.S. military commonly structures training following a "building block" approach using three broad levels with increasing complexity:

- (1) individual;
- (2) unit; and
- (3) combined.

Military units are made up of individual Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, or Airmen. Training for combat requires range and training areas that provide realistic land, sea, and airspace for the development and sustainment of the necessary military skills an individual, unit, and/or combination of units needs to be prepared for combat.



Why is the U.S. military proposing to utilize the islands of Tinian and Pagan?

A large number of U.S. military training deficiencies exist in the Western Pacific. Military units are permanently assigned to the Mariana Islands or are deployed to the region on a rotational basis. In both cases, the retention of military skills of the individuals and the units diminish over time; therefore, range and training areas must be available to sustain those skills on a regular basis. Because current and planned land use for the U.S. military in the Mariana Islands has maximized use of land on Guam for individual level training and other activities, unit level and combined level training deficiencies must be met in the CNMI. The islands of the CNMI were studied for suitable locations for unit level and combined level training. It has been determined that, together, the military-leased land on Tinian and the island of Pagan best support the needed range and training areas for both unit level and combined level training.



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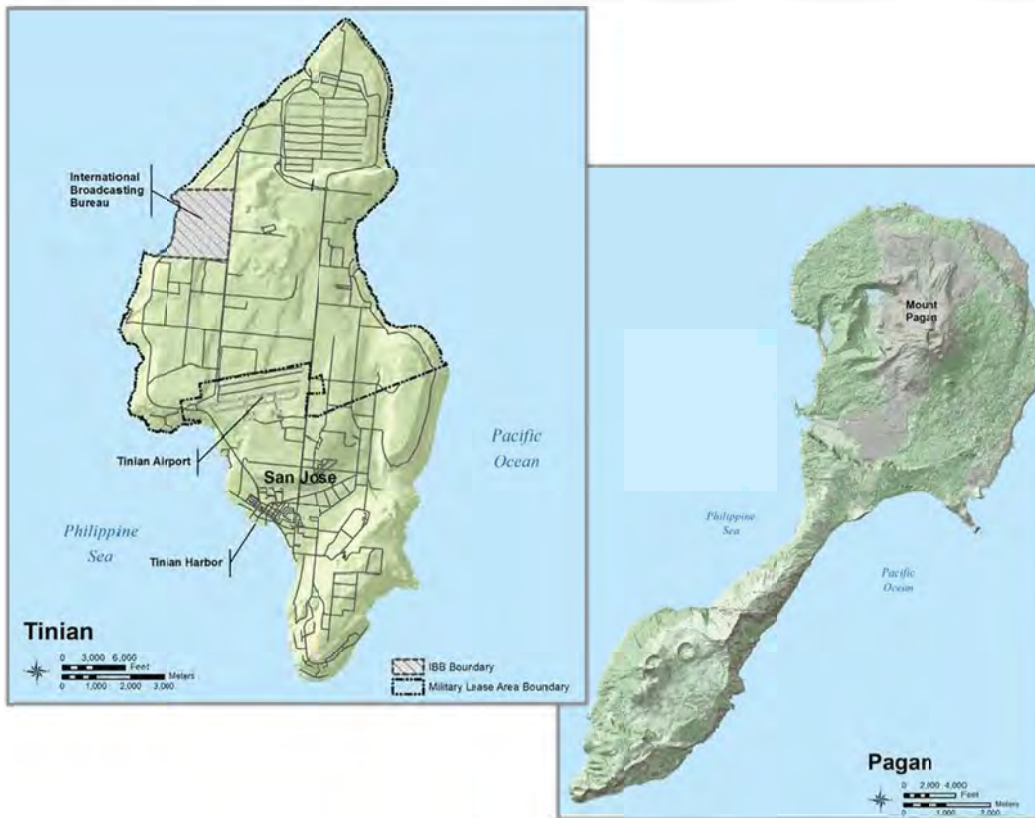


Background Continued

What is the purpose and need for the proposed action?

The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed to ensure that the U.S. military services fulfill their responsibility to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

What is the Proposed Action?



The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

The U.S. military is proposing to develop range and training areas to meet the above identified purpose and need. Currently there is no live-fire training in the CNMI (with the exception of Farallon de Medinilla). The proposed action would introduce live-fire training on military-leased lands on Tinian and on the island of Pagan. The proposed action would maximize use of military-leased land on Tinian; however, additional land may be required.

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Safety measures would be instituted at each Range and Training Area (RTA) and would include the following:

- RTAs manned by specifically trained and highly qualified personnel to ensure safe operation
- Range Safety Program with standard operating procedures to ensure public and training personnel safety
- A fire management plan
- Range safety briefings for all personnel prior to training
- Published public notices of scheduled training times and locations
- Large safety areas or surface danger zones (SDZs) established to maintain public safety
- Physical barriers established on roads into SDZs
- Visual indicators that the RTAs are in use (e.g., large red flags, barbers' poles, road blocks, and signs)
- Controlled access to RTAs prior to and during training with sentries/guards at road entrances
- Manned and unmanned traffic control devices
- Manned observation towers and electronic surveillance measures (cameras, air search radars) to view the RTAs and areas surrounding the RTAs for unauthorized personnel, aircraft, and boats
- Visual sweep of all RTAs for unauthorized personnel prior to training
- Establishment and maintenance of direct radio communication between range control and training units
- RTA operations would cease if established RTA boundaries are crossed
- Post-training visual sweep of RTAs to ensure no hazardous residual material is present
- Medical support during RTA operations



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Proposed Unit Level Training
Tinian

What is Unit Level Training?

Unit level training involves the instruction of a group of military personnel having the same specialty or skills, training together as a cohesive unit (infantry, artillery, tanks). Unit level training meets the mission of the unit on a particular range and uses both live-fire and non-live-fire to sustain combat readiness. Unit level training must be completed prior to combined level training. To protect the public, safety measures are mandated when conducting unit level training. Safety measures would include establishing, publishing, and scheduling danger and restricted zones.

Examples of Unit Level Training

- An artillery or infantry unit fires at a simulated enemy position (target)
- An amphibious vehicle unit lands on a beach and moves to a live-fire range for weapons training
- An infantry unit practices convoy operations on a live-fire training course



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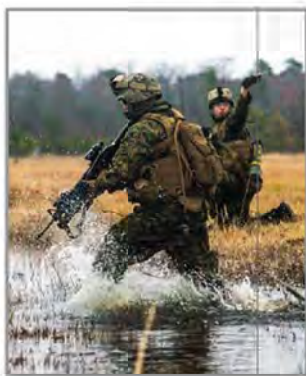
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Preliminary Unit Alternatives and Tinian Alternative 1

What are the Preliminary Unit Level Training Alternatives?

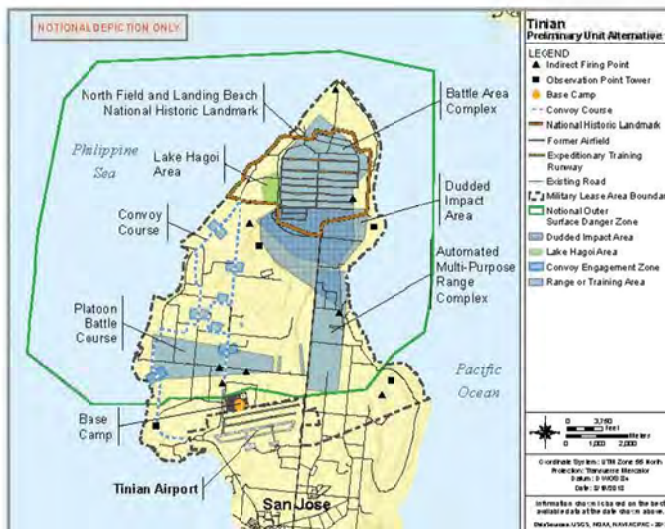
The preliminary unit level training alternatives for Tinian would maximize the use of military-leased lands on Tinian. Each of the action alternatives would introduce live-fire ranges. The three alternatives proposed for Tinian represent different training capabilities and capacities with Tinian Alternative 1 representing full capability; Tinian Alternative 2 representing reduced capability; and Tinian Alternative 3 representing reduced capability and capacity.



What features are included in Tinian Alternative 1?

Tinian Alternative 1 represents the full capability and capacity of unit level training. Defining features include:

- Separate company-sized and platoon-sized training areas
- Designated impact area for live ordnance
- Fixed small arms ranges (pistol, rifle, machine gun)
- Amphibious training at the Military Lease Area beaches
- Relocation of the International Broadcasting Bureau



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Tinian Alternative 2 and Tinian Alternative 3

What features are included in Tinian Alternative 2?

Tinian Alternative 2 represents a reduced capability compared to Tinian Alternative 1 (i.e., no platoon-sized training area). Defining features include:

- Company-sized training area
- No separate platoon-sized training complex
- Designated impact area for live ordnance
- Fixed small arms ranges (pistol, rifle, machine gun)
- Amphibious training in the Military Lease Area beaches
- Relocation of the International Broadcasting Bureau



What features are included in Tinian Alternative 3?

Tinian Alternative 3 represents a reduced capability and capacity compared to Tinian Alternative 1 and Tinian Alternative 2. Defining features include:

- Platoon -sized training area
- No separate company-sized training
- Designated impact area for live-fire ordnance
- Fixed small arms ranges (pistol, rifle, machine gun)
- Amphibious training in the Military Lease Area beaches
- International Broadcasting Bureau is not relocated



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Pagan*What is Combined Level Training?*

Combined level training involves multiple units (ground, aviation, sea) training together toward a single objective, within the same training area. Combined level training is more complex than unit level training as it requires the close coordination of multiple units. To protect the public, safety measures are mandated when conducting combined level training.

Examples of Combined Level Training

- A reconnaissance unit lands near a simulated enemy position, and directs naval gunfire to various targets ashore
- An infantry unit lands on a beach in amphibious assault vehicles and attacks a simulated enemy position
- Under the control of ground units, jet aircraft and helicopters support a beach landing by attacking the simulated enemy positions located on land



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Preliminary Combined Alternatives & Pagan Alternatives 1 and 2

What are the Preliminary Combined Level Training Alternatives?

There are two preliminary combined level training alternatives proposed for Pagan. All activities would be expeditionary which requires minimal facilities. Pagan Alternative 1 maximizes the potential maneuver area and Pagan Alternative 2 maximizes the potential combined arms training area. The U.S. military intends to use the entire island with a full spectrum of weapons and joint training activities. Danger and restricted zones would be published and scheduled.

What features are included in Pagan Alternative 1?

Pagan Alternative 1 maximizes the potential maneuver space. Defining features include:

- Smaller designated impact area for live ordnance
- Maximizes the potential maneuver area
- Utilizes the entire island for military training
- Limits access due to safety considerations



What features are included in Pagan Alternative 2?

Pagan Alternative 2 maximizes the potential combined arms training area. Defining features include:

- Larger designated impact area for live ordnance
- Maximizes potential combined arms training area
- Utilizes the entire island for military training
- Limits access due to safety considerations

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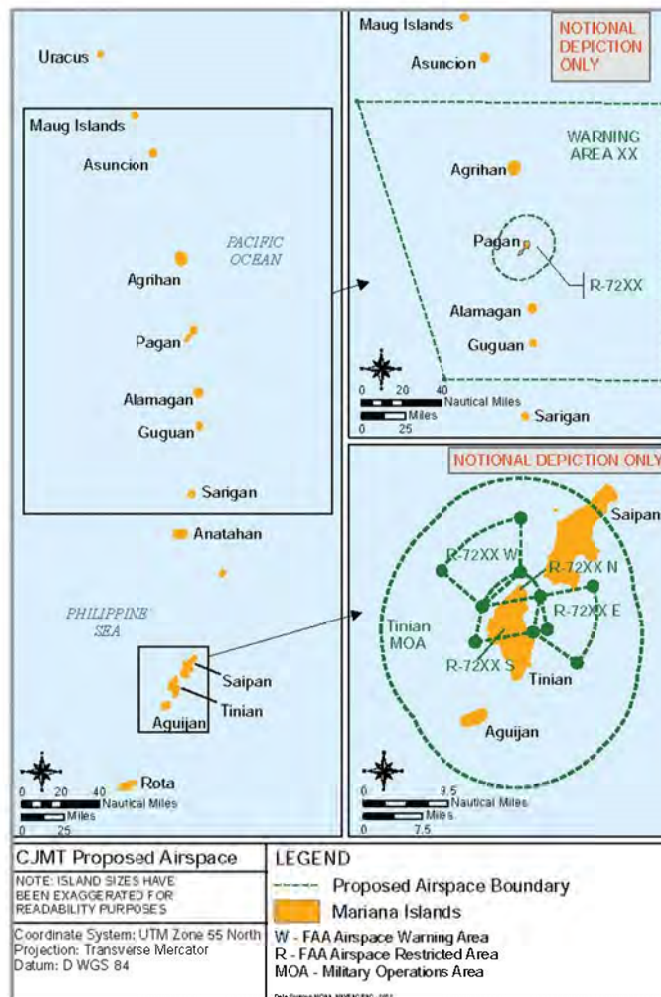
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Proposed Special Use Air and Sea Space

What is Designated Special Use Air and Sea Space?

The purpose of special use airspace and sea space is to ensure safety during military training by providing a safe separation between military and civilian air and sea activities during military training. These proposed air and sea spaces are designed to support the preliminary Tinian and Pagan alternatives. They provide for safe separation of civilian and military air and sea activities. The Federal Aviation Administration will design the airspace boundaries with U.S. military input. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be the final decision maker for sea space. Air and sea space restrictions would be scheduled and published. Civilian traffic would be re-routed when special use airspace or sea space is active.



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How to Comment

Your comments are important and welcome. Your comments will be used to help identify potential environmental effects on resources and key issues requiring analysis in the EIS.

How Can I Provide Scoping Comments?

There are several ways to comment:

- At the scoping meeting
 - > Fill out a comment form and return it before the end of the meeting



- After this meeting
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Your comments must be received or postmarked on or before **April 29, 2013** to be considered in the Draft EIS.

CJMT Fact Sheet (English)



CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The United States (U.S.) is rebalancing military forces in the Asia Pacific region. In support of this, the U.S. military is proposing to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The U.S. Marine Corps is leading this joint service initiative on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. This proposed action, which involves land, air, and sea space, follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA provides the public with opportunities to provide input and assists the decision maker in making an informed decision. Your comments are welcome and important to us.

Proposed Action: The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific. Military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed to ensure that the U.S. military services fulfill their responsibility to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

Scoping Meetings: The U.S. military is holding open house style scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian to begin the NEPA process and to seek public comments on important issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS). At these meetings, you are encouraged to:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review proposed action posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Submit comments

CJMT Fact Sheet (Chamorro)



**CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/
 Overseas Environmental Impact Statement**

I Estâdos Unidos (U.S.) para u ma balânsia i fuetsan i militât siha gi halom i Asia yan Pasifiku na lugât. Put para u ma supotte este i militât Estâdos Unidos, ma prupoponi na para u ma umenta dinanña' na militât yan kapasidât i militât ni' para u fanmama'nâ'gue siha. Ma prupoponi na para u ma kâhat un lugât, ni' mafa'nana'an i "live-fire range" yan lugât para mama'nâ'gue sindâlu siha gi islan Tinian yan gi Pâgan. I Estâdos Unidos na 'Marine Corp', siha chumachalâlâni este na inetnon setbîsio ni' kuantan i Kumandot i Estâdos Unidos giya Pasifiku. Estena priniponen aksion para u inafekta i tano', i aire' yan i tâsi na kâmpo siha. Despues u tinattiyi ni' dipâtamenton 'National Environmental Policy Act' (NEPA). I NEPA ha nâ'i i pupbleku âpotunidât siha ni' para u fanna'halom upiñon yan u fanman asiste ni' disision ni' para u ma fa'tinas yan u fanma enfotma siha na disision. Gof prisisu i upiñon-miyu ya in sen agradezi.

I Ma Pruponi na Aksion: Ma prupoponi i militât Estâdos Unidos na para u ma adilânta yan para u ma hâtsa nuebu na "Live-Fire Military Training" na lugât siha giya Tinian yan Pâgan.

Put Hâfa na Prisisu Este na Pruponi: Este na aksion ni' ma prupoponi prisisu sa' para u ribâha i difrentes siha durânten dinanña' para mama'nâ'gue, para i setbîsion militât siha gi entre i Sanlago na lugât yan gi Pasifiku. Este i para mama'nâ'gue militât yan i kapasidât-ñiha gof prisisu na u ma adelânta yan u ma na'siguru na i militât Estados Unidos u ma kumple i responsâbledât-ñiha yan para u ma na'siguru na i ramenta siha yan i kapasidât i sendâlu siha, manlisto gi entre i Sanlago yan gi Pasifiku.

I Dinanña' Ma Fa'nana'an 'Scoping Meeting': I militât i Estados Unidos para u ma na'guaha eyu i ma fa'nana'an "Open House" "Ma baba este na klasen 'Scoping Meeting' giya Sa'ipan, Tinian ni' para u ma tutuhon i NEPA. Gi durânten este na dinanña', i NEPA para u ma ekungok i pupbleku siha, para u fanmanespiha yan u fanmafule' inepe, hinasso, yan disision siha ginen i pupbleku put este na empottânte siha yan attikulu ni' para u ma deskuti ni' yanggen ma na'guaha yan ma kâhat este i "live-fire range" giya Tinian yan Pâgan na isla. Gi durânten este na dinanña', i pupbleku siha para u fanma na'i âpotunidât ni' para u ma cho'gue este siha.

- Para u meggai litratu siha gi durânten i presentasion sigun i 'slide'.
- Para u fanmamaisen kuestiona siha yan para u ma atan todû siha i enfotmasion ni' para u gaige gi litratu yan pâppet siha ni' para u fanma na'i i pupbleku guini gi durânten i inetnon.
- Para u fanmanungo' put hâfa este i dipâtamenton i NEPA.
- U fanmamaisen kuestiona yan u ma deskuti i pruponi na aksion ni' ma prisenta ginen i ripresentânten i Estâdos Unidos na militât.
- Para u fanmanungo' put este i bândan i 'Historic Preservation Act' yan i Seksion 106 i tumaimanu macho'gue-ña.
- Para u fanna'halom upiñon siha.

CJMT Fact Sheet (Carolinian)



CNMI Rebwe Schuu Rel Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Amerika ekke feeríi bwe ebwe balansial yaal gurupul sulalu mellol Asia Pacific. Igha ebwe ffatteló milleel, militaddul Amerika ekke mengi bwe ebwe atomoghata kapasidadul yaal ghal schuul akkabwung (training) reel peighil igha rebwe angaghatch reel ppek me ebwe ayooraita bwulle bwe lelliel akkabwung kkal wool Tchiliyól me Paghang. Militadol U.S. Marine mille rebwe apayú training kkaal reel faal U.S. Pacific Command. Mille rebwe ayooraita nge rebwe féeríi wól falúw, wóóy laang me llól sáát nge rebwe attabwey meta elo faal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NEPA e sughi ngeliir toulap asam bwe rebwe isisilong yaar mengemeng me rebwe allisiir schakka reghal fer desision bwe rebwe metaf. Yóómw atotolong reel meta ghal yóómw mengemeng nge nge eghi auweyrou bwe ay bwe ghulei.

Meta Ebwe Féerí: Militadol Amerika emwuschál bwe ebwe aghatchúyól mas millikka ayoor me ebwe bwual ayooraita milliffé reel akkabwungul ppak llól Tchiliyól me Paghang.

Bulul me Nesisida: Proposito yeel nge igha ebwe rebwoytúw millikka ese bwual ghi ghatch mellól setbisiyol militad me llól Western Pacific. Akkabwungul militad me yaal capasidad nge ebwe aghatchiwól yaal setbisiol militad bwe yaal responsibilidad nge ebwe lughuw, me e kabales me effat reel yaal abwungur sulalo bwe rebwe “ready” ngere eghal yoor fiyou/ghera.

(Scoping Meetings) Meta Kka Rebwe Ayoorata me Mengemengíir Towlap: Militadol Amerikano ebwe ayoorai bwulle iye reghal ira bwe “open house style scoping meeting” wóól Saipel me Tchiliyól bwe ebwe ghulei meta yaar toulap mengemeng reel millikka e impotante bwe rebwe awewey reel millikka elo llól NEPA me ebwe ghulei meta mengimangíir toulap reel asunto kka eghi peresisu me millikka elo llól Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS). Llól schuu kkaal nge e muschel bwe au sibwe:

- Auruur “slide presentation” reel millikka rebwe ayooraita
- Ghulei meta yaal maghughut NEPA me amwuri yaar posters me akkew arongrong reel meta rebwe féerí
- Aiyeghlong reel meta ghal mengemengimw ngaliir representantil militad kkaal reel meta kka rebwe ayooraita
- Ghulei me ubwe metaf reel meta elo llól National Historic Preservation Act me maghutughutul Section 106
- Atotolong meta mengemengimw

CJMT Postcard



The United States (U.S.) military is holding open house style scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian to begin the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and to seek public comments on the proposed scope and content of the upcoming CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS).

Please Attend the Upcoming Public Scoping Meetings

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

At these open house style meetings you can:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review proposed action posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Submit comments

CJMT Postcard



We Need and Value Your Participation

We invite your comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS/OEIS. You can provide your input in a variety of ways:

- At the scoping meetings:
 - Fill out a comment form and return it before the end of the meeting

- After the scoping meetings:
 - Mail comments to:
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CNMI Joint Military Training EIS/OEIS Scoping Comment

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Additional space for comment: _____

CJMT Scoping Meeting Video

Refer to the attached CD for the 6.5-minute video shown at the scoping meetings. It may also be viewed online at <http://www.dtpeis.us/documents>. All material contained in Appendix E may also be downloaded from that website address.

Appendix F
Section 106 Meeting Material

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CJMT Section 106 Posters

Section 106 Process and Public Involvement

The Section 106 process requires federal agencies to consider the potential impacts of their actions on historic properties.

Historic properties include archaeological sites, historic structures, districts, landscapes, and Traditional Cultural Properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 106 of the NHPA lays out the process for considering effects to historic properties

- Initiate the process
- Identify National Register-eligible or listed resources
- Assess adverse effects
- Resolve potential adverse effects

As part of the Section 106 process, federal agencies seek public input on:

- Identification of historic properties and
- Ways to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate impacts on historic properties resulting from federal actions

You can participate:

- Request to become a Consulting Party by sending a written request to the address below
- Use the comment sheet provided at this meeting
- Submit comments electronically via website:

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**Thank you for coming.
We look forward to receiving your input.**

CJMT Section 106 Posters

Potential Effects on Historic Properties

An adverse effect is when an undertaking, such as construction, may alter characteristics that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places

- Effects may include:
 - Construction
 - Demolition
 - Ground disturbance
 - Alteration
 - Restricting access
 - Erosion
 - Intrusive Visual and Audible Elements
- Property types that could be affected include:
 - Archaeological sites
 - Historic buildings and structures
 - Traditional Cultural Properties



Latte Site on Pagan

Air Administration Building in the North Field National Historic Landmark



CJMT Section 106 Posters

Cultural Resources Area of Potential Effect

The area of potential effect marks the geographic extent to which the proposed action may have direct or indirect effects on historic properties

- Historic properties within the area of potential effect on Tinian include archaeological sites and historic structures, such as:
 - Pre-contact sites
 - Historic farms
 - World War II military defenses
 - North Field National Historic Landmark



Tinian



Pagan

- Historic properties within the area of potential effect on Pagan include archaeological sites and historic structures such as:
 - Pre-contact sites
 - Historic farms
 - World War II military defenses

Cultural resources surveys will be conducted on Pagan and Tinian to identify historic properties in the area of potential effect. If you know of any cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effect on Tinian or Pagan, please let us know.

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