DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

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

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

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

DATES: Public scoping workshop date is Thursday, May 7, 1998, 7 to 9 p.m. ADDRESSES: Public scoping workshop location is Chamorro Village Main Pavilion, Paseo Complex, Agana, Guam. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Bigay, (808) 471–9338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Hearing for the Pacific Missile Range Facility Enhanced Capability Draft Environmental Impact Statement at Pacific Missile Range

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

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

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

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

to the address below. Written comments on the DEIS should be mailed to the address below and must be postmarked not later than May 26, 1998 to be part of the official record.

The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, special interest groups, the media, and concerned citizens. Copies of the DEIS have also been placed in local libraries in Hawaii. A limited number of copies are available at the address below.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Public hearing dates and locations are as follows:

- Saturday, April 25, 1998, 10 a.m., Waimea United Church of Christ Educational Center, Waimea, Hawaii
- 2. Tuesday, April 28, 1998, 5 p.m., Weinberg Memorial Hall, Disabled American Veterans Park, 2685 North Nimitz Hwy., Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE COMMENTS OR FOR A COPY OF THE DEIS CONTACT: Ms. Vida Mossman, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Kauai, Hawaii, 96752–0128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) **Enhanced Capability Draft Environmental Impact Statement at** Pacific Missile Range Facility. The DEIS assesses the potential impacts associated with enhancing PMRF capabilities. The Proposed Action would enable PMRF to fully accommodate the testing and training needs of the Navy's Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) program as well as other DOD Theater Missile Defense (TMD) programs. The proposed enhancement would also serve to increase PMRF's viability in the future by providing the capability for potential customers to develop, test and train in the use of evolving defensive systems.

The DEIS analyzes additional missile launch and support locations, facility construction, launch preparation activities, missile flight tests, radar and optical tracking operations, and intercept tests in the Pacific Ocean.

Environmental issues analyzed in the DEIS for enhancing PMRF include: Air quality; airspace control; biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; hazardous materials and waste; safety and health; land use; noise; socioeconomics; transportation; utilities; visual and aesthetics; and

water resources. In addition, the document addresses ocean areas and environmental justice.

Proposed Action

The Navy proposes to enhance capabilities of PMRF to conduct missile defense testing by (1) upgrading existing radar, telemetry, optics, electronic warfare, differential global positioning system, and other instrumentation facilities; and (2) the construction and operation of additional missile launch sites, sensor and instrumentation facilities, and a missile storage building.

Areas being considered for the launch and/or instrumentation sites include (1) Kauai and Niihau; (2) land-based support locations on Tern Island and Johnston Atoll; and (3) ocean areas within and outside U.S. territorial waters. Any testing would comply with current U.S. policy concerning compliance with treaties and international agreements.

No Action

The No-Action Alternative is the continuation of existing range and land-based training and operations; existing research development, testing and evaluation activities; and ongoing base operations and maintenance of the technical and logistical facilities that support the training and operations missions conducted at PMRF.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Thursday, April 28, 1998: 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (public comment session)

ADDRESSES: Sweeney Center, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Northern New Mexico

Citizens' Advisory Board, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665–5048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order—Agenda Approval— Minutes of Previous Meeting

6:15 p.m.

DOE Comments

6:30 p.m.

Public Comments

7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Committees

7:15 p.m.

Break

7:30 p.m.

Discussion: Bylaws, Elections, Retreat, Next Meeting

8:30 p.m.

Review of Outstanding Environmental Restoration/Waste Management Recommendations

9:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Ann DuBois, at (505) 665-5048. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the door of the meeting room for members of the public to indicate their desire to address the Board. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mr. Mat Johansen, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185–5400.