

Surplus Property Descriptions

The following is a listing of the land and facilities at the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy that are surplus to the federal government.

Land

Approximately 2.43 acres of improved and unimproved fee simple land and approximately 0.05 acre in easements at the U.S. Naval Reserve Center, in the City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey. In general, all areas are presently available. The station closed on July 1, 1994.

Buildings

The following is a summary of the facilities located on the above described land which are presently available. Property numbers are available on request.

- Administrative/training facilities; (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 29,400 square feet.
- Garage facilities (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 667 square feet.
- Paved areas; Comments: Approx. 3,060 square yards. Parking area, roads and sidewalks.
- General purpose/berthing wharf (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 3,582 square feet.
- Utility facilities; Comments: Measuring systems vary. Sanitary sewer, water distribution line, (potable), electrical distribution line and storm sewer

Expressions of Interest

Pursuant to Section 2905(b)(7)(C) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, State and local governments, representatives of the homeless, and other interested parties located in the vicinity of the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, shall submit to said redevelopment authority (City of Perth Amboy) a notice of interest, of such governments, representatives and parties in the above described surplus property, or any portion thereof. A notice of interest shall describe the need of the government, representative, or party concerned for the desired surplus property. Pursuant to Section 2905(b)(7)(C) and (D), the redevelopment authority shall assist interested parties in evaluating the surplus property for the intended use and publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Perth Amboy, New Jersey the date by which expressions of interest must be submitted.

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Notice of Announcement of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Training in the Marianas, Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

SUMMARY: The U.S. Pacific Command (USCINCPAC) is announcing the public hearing and availability of the above referenced DEIS. The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, territorial, and commonwealth agencies, elected officials, individuals and organizations in the community, public libraries, and the media. A limited number of single copies is available at the address listed at the end of this notice.

The DEIS evaluates alternatives for training by Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Army Reserve forces on Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Farallon de Medinilla. The DEIS describes a large number of training activities already occurring on these islands and a small number of newly proposed activities or newly proposed locations for training. The three alternatives are: (1) No Action, consisting of all ongoing training activities and all locations in which such training have occurred; (2) Augmented Set of Training Activities, consisting of all requested new training activities and locations, in addition to ongoing activities; and (3) Mitigated Set of Training Activities (the preferred alternative), which consists of ongoing and new training activities modified to avoid significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected to result from the preferred alternative.

Introduction of forces existing and proposed training include: aircraft landing at airfields, paratroops of personnel and cargo, helicopter insertion/extraction, and amphibious assaults. Combat training include: Field maneuvers (tactical operations, command post exercises, road and cross-country movement, seizing an airfield, military working dogs), aviation support to ground troops (close air support, field carrier landing practice, confined area landings, cargo delivery, heliborne water buckets for fire-fighting, medical evacuations, search and rescue, night vision goggle training, and various types of parachute operation), and

ordnance training at specific locations (air-to-surface gunnery, naval gunnery, live fire at firing ranges and shooting houses, demolition training at established demolition pits and underwater, and pyrotechnics used during field maneuvers). Combat service support training includes: bivouacs and associated support functions, construction battalion exercises, and logistics support (shipping, staging, inspecting, and maintaining equipment and cargo), forward area refueling).

The proposed action includes: Construction of several facilities (a sniper range and breaching house in the NAVACTS Ordnance Annex; extension of an existing firing range at NAVACTS Waterfront Annex; a small base support camp, firing range, mortar range, and breaching house on Tinian; and installation of various targets on FDM).

The training areas on Guam are military sites (Andersen Air Force Base, NAVACTS Guam Waterfront Annex and Ordnance Annex, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Finegayan and Barrigada), the Ylig and Talofofo Rivers, and a non-military paratroop zone in Dandan. Training areas on Rota consist of the airport, a small area within West Harbor, and a land area at the high school. Training on Tinian occurs within the Military Lease Area, with limited activities in San Jose Harbor. The entire island of Farallon de Medinilla is used as a live fire range.

The public hearings will be conducted by the Navy on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. Government 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. To assure accuracy of the record, statements may also be submitted in writing. Both oral and written statements will become part of the public record on this study, with equal weight given to each.

In the interest of available time, speakers will be asked to limit their comments to five minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written statements must be postmarked by April 1, 1997 to be incorporated in the official record.

DATES: Public hearings to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held at the following times and locations in the northern Mariana islands and Guam:

- Monday, March 3, 1997, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Community Roundhouse, Rota.
- Tuesday, March 4, 1997, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM at KBC Bldg., 2nd Floor, Conference Room, Tinian.
- Wednesday, March 5, 1997, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Garapan Central Park Roundhouse, Saipan.
- Thursday, March 6, 1997, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM at 155 Hesler Street., Public Hearing Room, Agana, Guam.

ADDRESSES: Request for single copies of the DEIS and submittal of written comments for inclusion into the official record should be forwarded to Mr. Fred Minato (Code 231FM), Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-7300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Fred Minato (Code 231FM), by voice telephone (808) 471-9338 or facsimile transmission (808) 474-5909.

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 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the U.S. Pacific Command has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the above referenced DEIS.

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Notice of Public Meeting for Submarine Solid Waste Management Related to Compliance With the Special Area Requirements of Regulations 5 of Annex V to the MARPOL Convention Pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act of 1994

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is announcing the preparation of a plan for the compliance of all submersibles owned or operated by the Navy with the requirements of Regulation 5 of Annex V to the MARPOL Convention. The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (DAA 94) directed the Navy to allow the public to participate in preparing the plan and to review and comment on the plan before it is submitted. In order to obtain and consider public comments in the development of the Navy's plan for compliance with the DAA 94 requirements, the Navy will host public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will take place on March 11, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the public meeting or to submit comments, contact Mr. David Cartwright NAVSEA 92TE, Assistant for Submarine Environmental and Occupational Safety Affairs, Department of the Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command, 2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22242-5160 [(703) 602-8096 (Ext. 475)]. The meeting will be conducted in English and will include oral presentations and visual displays. The meeting will be recorded by a court recorder. Members of the public who need additional assistance to participate should contact Mr. Cartwright as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Written comments related to the public meeting will be considered in the Submarine addendum to the Report to Congress if received by Mr. Cartwright no later than March 25, 1997. Oral or written comments will also be considered if presented at the public meeting to be held on March 11, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1003 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 Public Law 103-160, 107 Stat. 1745 (DAA-94), requires a Report to Congress on a plan for compliance with special area provisions of Regulation 5 of Annex V to the Convention. The Navy submitted a Report to Congress on U.S. Navy Ship Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas in November 1996. In preparation for that Report to Congress, the Navy solicited public comments beginning with the meeting announcement in the Federal Register of July 21, 1994 (59 FR 37223). In addition, the final Environmental Impact Statement on Disposal of U.S. Navy Shipboard Solid Waste was released in August 1996.

The Report to Congress of November 1996 stated that the Navy was evaluating several options for submarines, and upon completion of the efforts would determine the most appropriate solid waste management strategy. Thus, a Submarine Addendum to the Report to Congress on U.S. Navy Ship Solid Waste Management Plan for MARPOL Annex V Special Areas is being prepared to address the U.S. Navy Submarine Solid Waste Management Plan. Public comments directed specifically toward the development of a submarine solid waste management plan are requested.

Submarines are designed to operate undetected beneath the water surface for

extended periods. They have very limited storage space and distinctive requirements for weight, acoustical control, and atmosphere criteria.

Historically, waste source reduction efforts have been employed to minimize the amount of plastic material and cardboard brought on board. Most plastic material, cardboard, and paper that is used for wrapping and protecting supplies is removed and retained at dockside prior to loading supplies on a submarine. Plastic disposable items are being replaced with non-plastic items where possible. Additional initiatives being undertaken include the investigation of reusable meat containers, the review of procurement databases to identify items for improved packaging, development of a computer program identifying alternatives to aluminum and other metal cans, and the development of guidelines for supply personnel stressing pollution prevention awareness.

The particular solid waste challenges unique to submarines are being addressed in three principal studies: (1) The impact and fate and effect in the marine environment of discharging compacted, negatively buoyant non-plastic solid waste; (2) the impact on submarine operations and crew quality of life of storing solid waste on board; and (3) the use of a pulper for pulping paper and cardboard and a shredder for shredding metal cans and glass.

In addition to the above studies, an Environmental Assessment, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and Executive Order 12114, is being developed to assess the environmental impacts of alternatives for the management of solid wastes.

As indicated above, comments are welcome at the public meeting and will be considered in the preparation of a draft Addendum Report if received not later than March 25, 1997. The draft Addendum Report, which will document the Navy's solid waste management plan for submarines, will be available for public comment in about three months. The Navy plans to finalize the Addendum Report and submit it to Congress by September, 1997.

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