



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM

PUBLIC SCOPING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM

Introduction

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was enacted to address concerns about federal actions and their effects on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the most detailed analysis prescribed by regulations implementing NEPA. The U.S. Air Force (USAF) has published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, pursuant to NEPA, for the proposed Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Infrastructure Upgrades. The U.S. Navy is a cooperating agency on the EIS. The Proposed Action includes the construction of infrastructure upgrades at the North Ramp and Munitions Storage Area-1 (MSA-1) (Figure 1) and use of this infrastructure consistent with existing installation operations once construction is completed.

Background of the Infrastructure Upgrades Project

USAF and Department of Defense (DoD) strategies and initiatives for the Indo-Pacific are continuously evolving in response to the geopolitical climate. Strategies such as the 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review, 2017 Asia Pacific Stability Initiative, and 2020 Pacific Deterrence Initiative seek to promote an agile defense posture, protection of the nation, and defense of U.S. interests in the region. The proposed infrastructure upgrades at Andersen AFB would be conducted in alignment with these initiatives to improve operationally relevant infrastructure and would allow USAF and DoD to maintain agile and flexible defense capabilities.

Through construction of infrastructure upgrades at Andersen AFB, the USAF intends to provide better capabilities for rotational aircraft and training detachments in support of U.S. national interests and maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific.

What is the Public Scoping Process?

Public scoping is an early and open process, conducted in compliance with NEPA, for identifying issues and alternatives to be addressed in an EIS and determining who (e.g., public and government agencies) is interested in the proposed action. Public outreach is conducted as a part of the public scoping process to provide information to interested parties and to receive comments on the proposed action, alternatives, and potential impacts. Comments received during the public scoping process are considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. See the timeline on the back of this page for additional information regarding steps in the EIS process.



Figure 1: Overview of Locations on Andersen AFB Selected for Infrastructure Upgrades

EIS Timeline

Notice of Intent (NOI) Published

Public Scoping Period (Current Step)

Preparation of Draft EIS

Draft EIS Notice of Availability (NOA)

Draft EIS Public Comment Period and Hearing

Review of Public Comment on Draft EIS

Preparation of Final EIS

Final EIS NOA

Waiting Period

Record of Decision

Proposed Action

The proposed infrastructure would accommodate aircraft types and flight operations that have been addressed under previously prepared NEPA documentation for Andersen AFB, such as bombers, tankers, and fighters. Once construction is complete, the North Ramp project area would provide additional aircraft parking, fueling, and maintenance infrastructure to allow for greater efficiencies and agility in the way ground operations are conducted. MSA-1 would be used for munitions storage for aircraft rotations and training detachments, consistent with existing operations.

Construction would take place over approximately 7 years, and would disturb approximately 192 acres at the North Ramp project area and approximately 12 acres at the MSA-1 project area. Figures 2 and 3 provide an overview of the proposed infrastructure upgrades.



Figure 2: Proposed North Ramp Infrastructure Upgrades



Figure 3: Proposed MSA-1 Infrastructure Upgrades

Alternatives

The USAF considered other locations on Andersen AFB for construction of infrastructure upgrades; however, only the Proposed Action locations were determined to meet the criteria for the upgrades. The No Action Alternative will be addressed in the EIS in addition to the Proposed Action.

Environmental Impact Analysis Process

The USAF will conduct cultural and natural resources surveys in the areas proposed for upgrades, and consult with appropriate resource agencies to determine the potential for significant impacts on those resources. During construction, the USAF anticipates an increased demand on the construction workforce, and an increase in local spending. Currently, no other short- or long-term notable impacts are anticipated. Additional analysis will be provided in the Draft EIS, which is anticipated in late 2021 or early 2022. The Final EIS and a decision on the Proposed Action are expected in mid to late 2022.

Please provide comments in English on the project website, by email at AAFBInfrastructure.EIS@us.af.mil, or via postal mail to 36th Civil Engineer Squadron, ATTN: CEV (AAFB Infrastructure EIS), Unit 14007, APO, AP 96543-4007. The USAF also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 800). This brochure is also available in Chamorro on the project website and in print at the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library (254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, Guam).



Sinangan I Inafekta Uriyan I Tano' Yan I Tasi

Fina'maolek Kinalamten Gi I Andersen Air Force Na Bes, Guåhan

'PUBLIC SCOPING' PARA I FINA'MAOLEK KINALAMTEN GI I ANDERSEN AIR FORCE NA BES, GUÅHAN

Introducion

Ma establiisa i Akton i National Environmental Policy (NEPA) para u atende i chinathinasso siha put i aksion i federåt ya taimanu para u inafekta i uriyan i tano' yan i tasi. I Sinangan I Inafekta Uriyan I Tano' Yan I Tasi (EIS) et más kabåles na inestudia para u sedi i areklamenton NEPA. I U.S. Air Force (USAF) ha publika un 'Notice of Intent' para u pripåra un EIS, sigun i NEPA, para i fina'maolek kinalamten gi i Andersen Air Force na Bes (AFB) ni ma proponi. I Ma Proponi na Aksion sumåsaonao i hinåtsan i fina'maolek kinalamten gi i Notte na Ramp yan gi i Munitions Storage Area-1 (MSA-1) (Figuran 1). Yanggen esta munhåyan i hinåtsa, para u ma na'setbe este siha gi prisente na 'installation' na upirasion.

Infotmasion Put I Fina'maolek Kinalamten Na Prohetu

I plånu siha i USAF yani Depattamenton Defensa (DoD) gi iya Indo-Pasifiku sesso matulailaika depende gi kleman 'geopolitical'. I plånu siha piot kumu 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review, 2017 Asia Pacific Stability Initiative, yan 2020 Pacific Deterrence Initiative ma espipipia para u abånsa más metgot na defensa, prinotehen i nasion, yan dinifenden i interes i U.S. gi i lugåt. Giniha nu este siha na plånu, i ma proponi na fina'maolek kinalamten gi i Andersen AFB para u inarekla i kinalamten aplikao para i upirasion siha, ya lokkue' para u ma na'siguru na siña i USAF yani DOD ma sustieni et más kapås na difensa.

Sumigen i hinåtsan i fina'maolek kinalamten gi i Andersen AFB, I USAF ha entensiona para u na'guaha más kapås na nina'siña para 'rotational aircraft' yan 'training detachments' komu para ma supotte i interes i U.S. yan i pås yan seguridåt gi iya Pasifiku.

Håfa i 'Public Scoping Process'?

I tinattiyin areklamenton NEPA, 'public scoping' i aktibidåt ni fåftåf yan ma baba, ya para u identifika i problema siha yan otro siha na kosas ni para u ma atende gi EIS ya ma ditetmina håyi (put ehemplo: i publiku yan i ahensian gobietnamento siha) man interesao. Gi 'public scoping process', todú ni man interesao siempre manrisibi más infotmasion yan siña lokkue' man ma nå'i sinangan gi i ma proponi na aksion, otro siha, yan inafekta siha ni man posipble. I sinangan siha ni ma risibi gi i durånten i 'public scoping process' man ma kunsidera gi i fina'tinas i Draft na EIS. Atan i 'timeline' gi santatten este na plegu para más infotmasion put i EIS na kinalamten.



Figuran 1: Estague' Siha na Lugåt Man Ma Ayek para Fina'maolek Kinalamten gi i Andersen AFB

I Ma Proponi na Aksion

I ma proponi na aksion para u aksepta 'aircraft types' yan 'flight operations' ni ma atende gi hagas siha na dokumentasjón NEPA para Andersen AFB, komu 'bombers', 'tankers', yan 'fighters'. Yanggen munhåyan esta ma håtsa, i Notte na Ramp siempre ha nå'i mås lugåt para mås båtkon aire, sagan ma gas yan inarekla como siña mås maolek taimanu man ma cho'gue i upirasion gi tano'. Para u fan ma pega i åtmas gi MSA-1 para 'aircraft rotations' yan 'training detachments' komu parehu yan håfa esta ma cho'cho'gue.

Tinaka' siempre 7 años para u ma håtsa ya siña ha estotba kana' 192 na hektarias gi i Notte na Ramp na lugåt yan kana' 12 na hektarias gi i MSA-1 na lugåt. Figuran 2 yan 3 ma na'annok siha i ma proponi na fina'maolek kinalamten.



Figuran 2: I Ma Proponi na Fina'maolek Kinalamten gi i Notte na Ramp



Figuran 3: I Ma Proponi na Fina'maolek Kinalamten gi i MSA-1

Siña Ma Ayek Otro Siha

I USAF ha kunsidera siha otro na lugåt gi i Andersen AFB para i hinåtsan i fina'maolek kinalamten. Lao eyu ha' i Ma Proponi na Aksion na lugåt siha ma ditetmina na mås propiu. I No Action Alternative para ma diskuti gi i EIS yan kontodu i Ma Proponi na Aksion.

Inestudian I Inafekta Uriyan I Tano' Yan I Tasi na Kinalamten

I USAF para u midi todú i kulturåt yan naturåt na hinasso gi i ma proponi na fina'maolek kinalamten ya siempre ma konsutta i apropositu siha na ahensia para ma ditetmina i inafekta ni man posipble. Gi i durånten i hinåtsa siha, I USAF ha ekspekpekta na lameggai siempre na fa'fa'cho'cho', ya mås meggai na 'local' na ginasta. Gi presente, tåya' mås siknifikante na inafekta ma ekspekpekta ('short-' pat 'long-term'). Mås infotmasion siempre u fa'lalakngos ginen i Draft na EIS ni ma ekspekpekta gi la uyu 2021 pat tåftåf gi 2022. I Uttimo na EIS yan i disision gi Ma Proponi na Aksion ma ekspekpekta gi entalo' pat i uttimo 2022.

Notice of Intent
(NOI) Ma Publika

Public Scoping
(Prisente na Tiempo)

Priparasión i Draft na EIS

Draft na EIS
Notice of Availability (NOA)

Sinangan Pupbliku
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