
Appendix G Public Participation

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Mariana Islands Training and Testing

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APPENDIX G PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This appendix describes outreach efforts, conducted by the Department of the Navy, including both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps; the U.S. Army; the U.S. Air Force; and the U.S. Coast Guard (collectively referred to as “Action Proponents”), to involve the public and stakeholders during the development of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) for Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT).

G.1 Project Website

A website was established to provide the public with project information; it includes public notices, project fact sheets, maps, virtual presentations, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 processes, project video, and public commenting information. Parties with demonstrated interest in the undertaking and its effects on historic properties may request to become a consulting party in the NHPA Section 106 process via the informational request form. The public is able to submit comments via the website comment form during designated comment periods and subscribe to receive future notifications via email. The project website is <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis>.

G.2 Scoping Period

The public scoping period began with publication of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* on June 7, 2025 (90 Federal Register 24109), and ran through July 22, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). The *Federal Register* notice is found in Figure G-1. While holding a public scoping period is not required for an SEIS/OEIS, the Action Proponents held this scoping process to ensure understanding of the proposal and receive input from the public and stakeholders to enhance the accuracy and thoroughness of the environmental analysis.

G.2.1 Public Notifications

The Action Proponents made significant efforts to notify the public of the scoping process and encourage participation. All public notices included information about the intent to prepare an SEIS/OEIS; the Proposed Action and its purpose and need; the virtual scoping presentation; the NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, including how to request information on the NHPA Section 106 consultation process and how to participate; public commenting information; and the website address. A summary of these efforts follows.

G.2.1.1 Notification Letters

Notification letters with a fact sheet enclosure were mailed June 5, 2025 (ChST), to 251 federal and local elected officials and government agencies and other key stakeholders. Entities that received a notification letter are listed in Table G-1, and an example of the letter can be found in Figure G-2: Scoping Notification Letter Figure G-2.



mail to: CJMT Project Manager, 415 Chalan San Antonio Road, Suite 112, Baltej Pavillion Building, Tamuning, Guam 96913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for U.S. Armed Forces in the Indo-Pacific area of operations. The development and operation of a realistic and instrumented training environment on Tinian would enable forward-deployed U.S. Armed Forces to meet evolving operational training requirements and support U.S. training with allied nations, changes in U.S. force structure, and geographic repositioning of forces.

The Proposed Action would support land-based expeditionary warfare tactics and training within the Military Lease Area on Tinian and would accommodate land-based training for all service components of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, including the USMC, Navy, Air Force, Army, Special Operations Command, and Space Command, as well as U.S. allies and partners.

New training infrastructure would create a physical and virtual training environment to include two live-fire ranges, improvements to North Field, the development of Landing Zones, an expeditionary Base Camp at the former U.S. Agency for Global Media site, and a communications system using a combination of sensors, emitters, and communication towers. Subject to additional approvals, construction would include a biosecurity area at the Port of Tinian and an aircraft shelter at the Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport. To ensure training unit and public safety during training, an on-island Training Area and Range Operations Command (Range Control) would be established. Range Control would schedule training and coordinate with local officials and the public.

Two training Alternatives and a No Action Alternative on Tinian are analyzed in this Revised Draft EIS. Under the No Action Alternative, existing land-based training at levels analyzed in existing NEPA documents for Tinian would continue (see the 2010 Mariana Islands Range Complex Final EIS/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS), 2015 Mariana Islands Training and Testing EIS/OEIS, and associated consultations and authorizations). Much of the proposed training is similar to existing training in terms of type that have been conducted on Tinian in recent decades. Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 would represent new training infrastructure with varying increases over existing training tempos.

Potential effects on environmental resources resulting from activities included in the two Action Alternatives and the No Action Alternative were evaluated in accordance with NEPA. Resources analyzed in this Revised Draft EIS include, but are not limited to, public access, land use and recreation, socioeconomic, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, air quality, public health and safety, utilities, and groundwater and hydrology. The Revised Draft EIS also includes an analysis of measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental effects potentially resulting from military training and construction of training infrastructure. Direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on these resource areas are analyzed in the Revised Draft EIS.

The USMC is coordinating and consulting with appropriate Federal agencies as required by the NHPA, Endangered Species Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbors Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Air Act, and other laws and regulations as determined to be applicable to the project.

The USMC distributed the Revised Draft EIS to the CNMI government agencies, Federal Government agencies they are consulting with, and other interested persons. The Revised Draft EIS is available for public review on the project website at www.CJMTJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com and at these public libraries:

1. Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Saipan.
2. Tinian Public Library, Tinian.
3. Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Rota Public Library, Rota.

The public involvement process is helpful in identifying public concerns and local issues to be considered during the development of the EIS. The USMC encourages the public to provide substantive comments on the Proposed Action and the environmental analysis, as well as the project's potential to affect historic properties as it relates to section 106 of the NHPA. All comments received prior to the deadline of August 20, 2025 at the in-person public meetings, electronically via the project website, or mailed to the address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section will be considered during the development of the Final EIS.

In-person public meetings on Tinian and Saipan will begin at approximately 5 p.m. local time; the meeting on Rota will begin at 3 p.m. local time. Informational posters will be displayed, and project team members will be available to discuss the Proposed Action

and accept comments, written and oral, from the public. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available at each of the five in-person public meetings.

Oral comments will be recorded by a stenographer. Equal weight will be given to oral and written statements.

Dated: May 28, 2025.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (ID# EISX-007-17-USN-1744382878)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, DoN regulations, and Presidential Executive Order 12114, the DoN (including both the United States (U.S.) Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC)) as the lead agency, jointly with the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Coast Guard (referred to as "Action Proponents"), announce their intent to prepare a supplement to the 2015 Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) and the 2020 MITT Supplemental EIS (SEIS)/OEIS. The MITT SEIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training activities (referred to as "training"); research, development, testing, and evaluation (referred to as "testing") activities; and range modernization and sustainment that will be conducted in the MITT Study Area beginning in July 2027. When discussed together, these activities are referred to as "military readiness activities."

DATES: The 45-day public scoping period begins on June 7, 2025, and ends on July 22, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). The scoping period is extended 15 calendar days (from the usual 30-day period) to allow more time to provide comments. The DoN will host a virtual presentation and have public outreach material on the project website during the scoping period to

Figure G-1: Federal Register Notice of Intent

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provide information related to the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, alternatives under consideration, environmental resource areas to be analyzed in the SEIS/OEIS, the NEPA process, the consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and public involvement opportunities.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS or information regarding the project's potential to affect historic properties pursuant to section 106 of the NHPA through the project website at www.nepa.navy.mitteis or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific, Attention: MITT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Pacific Fleet Command, Attention: Ms. Heather Paynter, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist, 808-471-3769, CPF-Environmental-PA@us.navy.mil, or visit the project website at www.nepa.navy.mitteis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Within the DoN, the lead action proponent is Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Additional DoN action proponents include Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, Office of Naval Research, and the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC). In addition to DoN action proponents, this SEIS/OEIS includes certain activities by the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard when those activities are similar to Navy or USMC activities and are scheduled on DoN controlled at-sea ranges.

Proposed military readiness activities are generally consistent with those analyzed in the 2015 MITT EIS/OEIS and the 2020 MITT SEIS/OEIS and are representative of activities that the services have been conducting off Guam and around Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for decades.

The MITT Study Area (hereafter referred to as the "Study Area") is the same Study Area used for the 2015 MITT EIS/OEIS and the 2020 MITT SEIS/OEIS analysis, which includes in-water areas within the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), areas on the high seas to the north and west of the MIRC, a transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex, and pier side within Apra Harbor. The Study Area excludes land-based training areas located on Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota that were included in the 2020 MITT EIS/OEIS. Similar to the 2020 MITT SEIS/OEIS, this action does not propose any changes to land-based activities on these islands that were

analyzed in the 2015 MITT EIS/OEIS. Thus, activities on these islands are not reanalyzed in this supplement. As in the 2020 SEIS/OEIS, the only land component included in the Study Area is Farallon de Medinilla.

The Proposed Action is to continue to conduct military readiness activities within the Study Area. These activities include the use of active sonar and explosives while employing appropriate marine species protective mitigation measures.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure the U.S. military services, to include the U.S. Coast Guard, can organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions in accordance with their Congressionally-mandated requirements¹ and advance joint interoperability in Navy led exercises with other military services including foreign allies. A SEIS/OEIS is considered the appropriate level of analysis as there are updated activities which are similar to those analyzed in the 2015 MITT EIS/OEIS and the MITT 2020 SEIS/OEIS, and scientific information and acoustic effects criteria that are relevant to understanding the environmental effects of the Proposed Action. New information since the 2015 EIS/OEIS and the 2020 SEIS/OEIS will be considered in furtherance of NEPA and will support Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) authorization requests.

The Action Proponents have identified two preliminary action alternatives to carry forward for analysis in the SEIS/OEIS along with the No Action Alternative. Alternative 1 reflects a representative year of training and testing to account for the natural fluctuation of training cycles and deployment schedules that generally limit the maximum level of training and testing occurring every year over any seven-year period. Alternative 2 reflects the maximum number of training and testing activities that could occur within a given year and assumes that the maximum level of activity would occur every year over any seven-year period. As required by NEPA for the purpose of establishing a baseline for analysis, a No Action Alternative will be evaluated which represents a scenario where no military readiness activities are conducted in the Study Area. The tempo and types of military readiness activities have fluctuated because of the introduction of new technologies, the evolving nature of international events,

¹ 10 U.S.C. 8062 (Navy), 8063 (USMC), 9062 (U.S. Air Force), and 7062 (U.S. Army); and 14 U.S.C. 101-102 (U.S. Coast Guard).

advances in war fighting doctrine and procedures, and changes in force structure (organization and basing of ships, submarines, aircraft, weapons, and Sailors). Such developments influence the frequency, type, duration, intensity, and location of required military readiness activities. The MITT SEIS/OEIS will reflect the current compilation of training and testing activities required to fulfill the military readiness requirements, and therefore both action alternatives include the analysis of newly proposed activities and changes to previously analyzed activities. Additionally, both action alternatives will include range modernization and sustainment necessary to support military readiness activities.

Environmental resources that are determined to be potentially affected are carried forward for full analysis. Resources to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, biological resources (including marine mammals and other protected species), sediments and water quality, air quality, noise, cultural resources, socioeconomic, and public health and safety. The Action Proponents will also analyze measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental effects. The Action Proponents will conduct all coordination and consultation activities required by the MMPA, NHPA, ESA, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Air Act, and other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project. As part of this process, the DoN will seek the reissuance of authorizations under MMPA and ESA to support at-sea military readiness requirements within the Study Area beginning in July 2027.

Pursuant to NEPA, the Action Proponents invited the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in preparation of the SEIS/OEIS.

The scoping process is helpful in identifying public concerns and local issues to be considered during the development of the SEIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, Territorial agencies, the public, and interested persons are invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS, including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the NEPA analysis, relaying environmental concerns, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project's potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA.

Figure G-1: Federal Register Notice of Intent (continued)

Scoping comments submitted via the project website or mailed to the address provided in the ADDRESSES section will be considered during the development of the Draft SEIS/OEIS. Scoping comments should be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. ChST on July 22, 2025, for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

After the scoping period, the Action Proponents will coordinate with participating and cooperating agencies to develop a Draft SEIS/OEIS. The Action Proponents intends to release the Draft SEIS/OEIS in the winter of 2026, release the Final SEIS/OEIS in the winter of 2027, and sign a Record of Decision following the 30-day Final SEIS/OEIS wait period.

Dated: May 21, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 13-147-LNG]

Delfin LNG LLC; Request for Amendment of Long-Term Authorizations To Export Liquefied Natural Gas and for Additional Extension of Time To Commence Exports

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) (formerly the Office of Fossil Energy) of the Department of Energy (DOE), gives notice (Notice) of receipt of a request (Request), filed on May 2, 2025, by Delfin LNG LLC (Delfin). Delfin requests to amend its existing authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement countries set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 4028, as amended, by extending the current commencement of export operations deadline from Delfin's proposed floating LNG (FLNG) liquefaction facility (Project) to June 1, 2031. Delfin also asks that its existing authorization be amended to reflect a facility redesign that includes three FLNG vessels instead of the original four. Delfin filed its Request under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and DOE's regulations.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable,

and written comments are to be filed as detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, July 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by email (Strongly encouraged): fergas@hq.doe.gov.
Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-056, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Due to potential delays in mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit filings electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Wade or Peri Ulrey, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4749 or (202) 586-7893, jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov or peri.ulrey@hq.doe.gov

Ajoke Agboola, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Energy Delivery and Resilience, Forrestal Building, Room 6D-033, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 805-2147, ajoke.agboola@hq.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 1, 2017, in DOE/FE Order No. 4028 (as amended)¹ and pursuant to NGA section 3(a),² DOE authorized Delfin to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the proposed Project, to be located offshore of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural

¹ *Delfin LNG LLC, DOE/FE Order No. 4028, Docket No. 13-147-LNG, Opinion And Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from a Proposed Floating Liquefaction Project and Deepwater Port 30 Miles Offshore of Louisiana to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (June 1, 2017), reh'g denied, DOE/FE Order No. 4028-A (Apr. 3, 2018), amended by DOE/FE Order No. 4028-B (Dec. 10, 2020) (extending term through 2050), further amended by DOE/FE Order No. 4028-C (May 18, 2021) (correcting and amending location of FLNG vessels), further amended by DOE/FECM Order No. 4028-D (Mar. 10, 2025) (extending export commencement deadlines). In addition, Delfin's export authorization was amended by DOE/FE Order No. 4641 (Dec. 18, 2020) to include short-term export authority on a non-additive basis.*

² 15 U.S.C. 717(b).

gas, which currently has or in the future develops the capacity to import LNG, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries). Delfin is authorized to export this LNG in a volume equivalent to 657.5 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas through December 31, 2050.³

On March 21, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued the license, under the Deepwater Port Act (DWPA), required for Delfin to own, construct, and operate its Project.⁴ According to Delfin, the DWPA license requires Delfin to "begin construction of the deepwater port no later than five years after the effective date of the license," but "the deadline may be extended for delays in necessary construction permits, delays due to time-of-year construction limitations beyond Delfin's direct control, or additional periods as MARAD may permit for good cause."⁵ Delfin notes that its DWPA license "does not mandate any timing deadline for completion of the Project."⁶

As relevant here, Order No. 4028, as amended, requires Delfin to commence export operations from the Project no later than June 1, 2029.⁷ In its Request, Delfin asks DOE to extend the deadline to commence commercial non-FTA LNG export operations from the Project by another two years, from June 1, 2029, to June 1, 2031.⁸

Delfin also asks for an amendment "to reflect the current design of its Project in accordance with the [DWPA] license," stating that the amendment would "reflect the refinements of Delfin's Project over time [and would] not require any change in the authorized volumes nor in any of the other Ordering Paragraphs."⁹ Specifically, "[t]o ensure that the export authorizations properly reflect the current Project design (as detailed to

³ DOE/FE Order No. 4028, as amended in Order No. 4028-B (Ordering Para. E).

⁴ MARAD Press Release, "The Maritime Administration Issues the License for the Delfin LNG, LLC Deepwater Port Application" (Mar. 21, 2025), <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/newsroom/maritime-administration-issues-license-delfin-lng-llc-deepwater-port-application>.

⁵ Request at 5-6 & n.17 (May 2, 2025) (emphasis in original), <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-05/Delfin%20LNG%20DOE%20Extension%20request%20%28050225%29.pdf> (citing Delfin DWPA License, Article 5).

⁶ *Id.* at n.17.

⁷ DOE/FECM Order No. 4028-D, at 25 (Ordering Para. B). Delfin has also asked DOE to amend its existing FTA authorization (DOE/FE Order No. 3393, as amended). DOE will address the FTA portion of the Request separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717(b).

⁸ Request at 2.

⁹ *Id.*

Figure G-1: Federal Register Notice of Intent (continued)

Table G-1: Entities that Received the Scoping Notification Letter

Guam
<i>Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies</i>
U.S. Congress Guam Air Traffic Control Center U.S. Army Corps of Engineers U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services Natural Resources Conservation Service Guam Service Center U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service War in the Pacific National Historic Park U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Guam National Wildlife Refuge Pacific Islands Office, Guam Office Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council Guam Education & Outreach
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
Office of the Governor Community Defense Liaison Office Guam Commission on Decolonization Military and Regional Affairs Office of the Lt. Governor of Guam Office of the Senator 38th Guam Legislature Mayors' Council of Guam Municipality of Agana Heights Municipality of Asan-Ma'ina Municipality of Barrigada Municipality of Chålan Pågu-Otdot Municipality of Dededo Municipality of Hågat Municipality of Hagåtña Municipality of Humåtak Municipality of Inalåhan Municipality of Malesso' Municipality of Mangilao Municipality of Mongmong-To'to-Maite' Municipality of Piti Municipality of Sânta Rita-Sumai Municipality of Sinajana Municipality of Talo'fo'fo' Municipality of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipality of Yigo Municipality of Yo'ña Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority (Guam International Airport) Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Guam Army National Guard Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center

<p>Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans Coastal Management Program</p> <p>Guam Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities</p> <p>Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency</p> <p>Guam Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Forestry and Soil Resources</p> <p>Guam Department of Education CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division</p> <p>Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities</p> <p>Guam Department of Labor</p> <p>Guam Department of Land Management Guam Chamorro Land Trust Commission</p> <p>Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services</p> <p>Guam Department of Public Works</p> <p>Guam Department of Youth Affairs</p> <p>Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority</p> <p>Guam Energy Office</p> <p>Guam Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Program Water Resources Management Program</p> <p>Guam Fire Department</p> <p>Guam Homeland Security Department Office of Civil Defense</p> <p>Guam Land Use Commission</p> <p>Guam Memorial Hospital Authority</p> <p>Guam Military Buildup Office</p> <p>Guam Power Authority Consolidated Utility Services</p> <p>Guam State Historic Preservation Office Department of Community and Cultural Affairs</p> <p>Guam Veterans Affairs Office</p> <p>Guam Visitors Bureau Cultural Heritage, Community Outreach and Branding</p> <p>Guam Waterworks Authority Compliance & Safety Division</p> <p>Kumision CHamoru</p> <p>Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts Pacific Islands Area Soil and Water Conservation District</p> <p>Port Authority of Guam</p> <p>University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service Division of Natural Sciences Marine Laboratory Water and Environmental Research Institute</p> <p>U.S. Marshals Service, District of Guam</p>
Saipan
Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies
<p>U.S. Congress</p> <p>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service</p>

<p>Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Field Office U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Saipan, Tinian & Aguiguan Service Center U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs, Northern Mariana Islands Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council</p>
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
<p>CNMI Office of the Governor CNMI Public Information and Protocol Office Office of the Mayor, Northern Islands CNMI Senate CNMI House of Representatives CNMI Office of the Mayor Municipality of Saipan Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education, and Environmental Management CNMI Bureau of Military Affairs CNMI Department of Commerce CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife CNMI Department of Public Lands CNMI Department of Public Safety Office of the Commissioner Tinian Fire Division CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management CNMI Northern Marianas College Cooperative, Research, Extension and Education Service CNMI Office of Military and Veteran Affairs CNMI Zoning Office Marianas Visitors Authority Port of Saipan Commonwealth Ports Authority Saipan Chamber of Commerce Saipan International Airport</p>
<i>Tinian</i>
<i>Federal Elected Officials</i>
U.S. Congress
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
<p>Office of the Mayor Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan CNMI Department of Public Lands, Tinian Office Tinian Chamber of Commerce</p>
<i>Rota</i>
<i>Federal Elected Officials</i>
U.S. Congress
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
<p>Office of the Mayor Municipality of Rota 19th Rota Municipal Council Department of Public Lands, Rota Office Rota Gaming Commission</p>
<i>Federal Agencies outside of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota</i>
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Federal Maritime Commission
Bureau of Certification and Licensing
Office of the Secretary
Marine Mammal Commission
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Honolulu District
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Wildlife Services
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region 5
Pacific Southwest Research Station
Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Headquarters
Office for Coastal Management
Office of Law Enforcement
Office of Protected Resources
Pacific Islands Regional Office
Protected Resources Division
National Ocean Service
U.S. Department of State
Office of Environmental Quality
U.S. Department of the Interior
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR MARIANA ISLANDS TRAINING AND TESTING

The Department of the Navy (lead agency), including both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps; the U.S. Air Force; the U.S. Army; and the U.S. Coast Guard (referred to as “Action Proponents”), are preparing a supplement to the 2015 Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) and the 2020 MITT Supplemental EIS (SEIS)/OEIS to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action to continue military readiness activities at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the MITT Study Area (referred to as “Study Area”). The Navy as the lead agency for the Proposed Action is responsible for the scope and content of the SEIS/OEIS. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure U.S. military services, to include the Coast Guard, can organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions.

The public is invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS, including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, relaying environmental concerns, identifying historic properties, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project’s potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Parties with demonstrated interest in the undertaking and its effects on historic properties may request to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process. Please visit the project website at www.nepa.navy.mitteis to view a virtual scoping presentation and learn more about the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, and public involvement opportunities. Additional project information can also be found in the enclosed fact sheet (Enclosure).

The Action Proponents are accepting scoping comments from **June 7 to July 22, 2025**, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). The public’s input is welcome, valued, and appreciated. Comments will be considered under NEPA and pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. Comments may be submitted via the website at www.nepa.navy.mitteis or by mail to:

Figure G-2: Scoping Notification Letter

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Ser N46/0388
May 21, 2025

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific
Attention: MITT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

Scoping comments must be postmarked or received online by **11:59 p.m. ChST on July 22, 2025**, for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS. You may also contact Ms. Heather Paynter, U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Public Affairs, 808-471-3769, CPF-Environmental-PA@us.navy.mil, if you have questions or would like to schedule a briefing.

Please help the Action Proponents inform the community about the intent to prepare an SEIS/OEIS for military readiness activities within the MITT Study Area by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals.

Sincerely,



J. H. BEATTIE
Captain, U.S. Navy
Deputy Fleet Civil Engineer
By direction

Enclosure: Mariana Islands Training and Testing SEIS/OEIS fact sheet

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Figure G-2: Scoping Notification Letter (continued)

G.2.1.2 Postcards

Postcards were mailed first-class to 500 interested individuals, non-governmental organizations, and other groups or organizations June 5, 2025 (ChST). The postcard is shown in Figure G-3.

G.2.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements were published in the Guam Daily Post and Pacific Daily News (Guam), and Marianas Variety (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [CNMI]) beginning June 7, 2025 (ChST), for three consecutive publication days. The newspaper advertisement is shown in Figure G-4.

G.2.1.1 News Release

A news release was distributed by the Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Public Affairs Office (PAO) to local and regional media outlets June 6, 2025 (ChST). The news release is shown in Figure G-5.

G.2.1.2 Social Media Post

The JRM PAO posted information on existing social media platforms, such as Facebook, June 5, 2025 (ChST), to notify their followers. The social media post is shown in Figure G-6.

G.2.1.3 Email Notifications

An email notification was distributed June 7, 2025 (ChST), to 75 existing website subscribers.

G.2.2 Public Scoping Information

The Action Proponents developed informational materials for the public to learn more about the Proposed Action, the environmental analysis process, and public involvement opportunities.

G.2.2.1 Fact Sheet

A project fact sheet was developed in English and translated into CHamoru (Guam) and Carolinian. Fact sheets were included in the notification letter mailings, at stakeholder briefings, and on the project website.

G.2.2.2 Project Video

The Action Proponents utilized a previous project overview video to provide information on the importance of training and testing in the Study Area. The project video was available on the project website.

G.2.2.3 Virtual Scoping Presentation

The Action Proponents prepared a virtual scoping presentation and made it available on the project website to provide the public with detailed information about the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, the importance of training and testing in the Study Area, environmental resource areas to be analyzed in the Draft SEIS/OEIS, the Navy's marine species research and monitoring program, NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, public involvement opportunities, and commenting information.

G.2.2.4 Stakeholder Briefings

The Action Proponents briefed multiple project stakeholders to provide information and to identify and respond to issues early in the process (Table G-2). Briefings were also offered upon request to recipients of the notification letters.

Table G-2: Stakeholder Briefings

Stakeholders	Conducted By	Format of Outreach	Date
CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 16, 2025
CNMI Army Coordination Element Guam	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 16, 2025
CNMI Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 16, 2025
DoD-CNMI Environmental & Land Stewardship Work Group	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 16, 2025
National Marine Fishery Service Pacific Islands Regional Office, Saipan Office	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 16, 2025
Mariana Trench Marine National Monument	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 17, 2025
CNMI Historic Preservation Office	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 17, 2025
CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 17, 2025
CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Divisions of Environmental Quality and Coastal Resource Management	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 17, 2025
DoD-CNMI Senior Stakeholders Executive Session	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 17, 2025
DoD-CNMI Agency Session	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 18, 2025
Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council CNMI Advisory Panel	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 18, 2025
Tinian Women’s Association	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 19, 2025
Tinian Mayor’s Office	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025
Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council Guam Advisory Panel	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 19, 2025
Guam Department of Agriculture	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025
Guam Department of Agriculture Department of Aquatic & Wildlife Resources	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025
Guam Bureau Statistics and Plans Guam Coastal Management Program	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025
Guam Community Defense Liaison Office	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025
University of Guam -- Sea Grant Program	U.S. Pacific Fleet Environmental Readiness	In Person	June 20, 2025

Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS



The Department of the Navy (lead agency), including both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps; the U.S. Air Force; the U.S. Army; and the U.S. Coast Guard (referred to as "Action Proponents"), are preparing a supplement to the 2015 Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) and the 2020 MITT Supplemental EIS (SEIS)/OEIS to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action to continue military readiness activities at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the MITT Study Area. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure U.S. military services, to include the U.S. Coast Guard, can organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions.

The public is invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS, including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, relaying environmental concerns, identifying historic properties, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project's potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Action Proponents are accepting scoping comments from **June 7 to July 22, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)**.

For more project information, please view a virtual scoping presentation at www.nepa.navy.mil/mittels. Comments can be submitted online or mailed to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific
Attention: MITT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134

The public's input is welcomed, valued, and appreciated.

Please share this information with friends and family to help inform your community.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. ChST on July 22, 2025, for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to continue military readiness activities within the MITT Study Area. Military readiness activities include training; research; development, testing, and evaluation (referred to as "testing") activities; and range modernization and sustainment. Proposed training and testing activities are similar to those previously analyzed and are representative of activities conducted around the Mariana Islands for decades, with some updates to the type, frequency, duration, intensity, and location.

At-sea military readiness activities may include the use of active sonar, explosives, and other sources of sound. The Action Proponents would continue to employ mitigation measures when conducting at-sea activities to reduce or avoid potential adverse effects on marine species. The Navy will seek the reissuance of an authorization under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and consultations under the Endangered Species Act to support at-sea military readiness requirements within the Study Area beyond July 2027 and will comply with other applicable laws and regulations.

The Navy, as the lead agency, will initiate NHPA Section 106 consultation and comply with existing 2020 Guam and 2022 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands programmatic agreements in coordination with the historic preservation offices and all signatories to those agreements.

For more information or to submit comments online, visit www.nepa.navy.mil/mittels.

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Figure G-3: Scoping Postcard Mailer



**YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
in the Public Scoping Process for
Mariana Islands Training and Testing Supplemental EIS/OEIS**

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Public Involvement Opportunity

The public is invited to comment on the scope of the MITT Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS), including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, relaying environmental concerns, identifying historic properties, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project’s potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Action Proponents are accepting scoping comments from
June 7 to July 22, 2025, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST).

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Figure G-4: Scoping Newspaper Advertisement

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Press Release 25-036

**U.S. Military Services Announce Intent to Prepare a Supplemental
Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement
for Mariana Islands Training and Testing**

ASAN, Guam – The Department of the Navy (lead agency), including both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps; the U.S. Air Force; the U.S. Army; and the U.S. Coast Guard (referred to as “Action Proponents”), are preparing a supplement to the 2015 Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) and the 2020 MITT Supplemental EIS (SEIS)/OEIS to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action to continue military readiness activities at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla (FDM) within the MITT Study Area (referred to as “Study Area”).

The Navy as the lead agency for the Proposed Action is responsible for the scope and content of the SEIS/OEIS. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure U.S. military services, to include the Coast Guard, can organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions.

The public is invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS, including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, relaying environmental concerns, identifying historic properties, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project’s potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Action Proponents are accepting scoping comments from **June 7 to July 22**, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST).

Military readiness activities include training; research, development, testing, and evaluation (referred to as “testing”) activities; and range modernization and sustainment. Proposed training and testing activities are similar to those previously analyzed and are representative of activities conducted around the Mariana Islands for decades, with updates to the type, frequency, duration, intensity, and location.

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Figure G-5: Scoping News Release

requirements within the Study Area beyond July 2027 and will comply with other applicable laws and regulations.

The DoN will initiate consultation in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA. The Navy will comply with the existing 2020 *Programmatic Agreement Between the Commander, Joint Region Marianas and the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, Regarding Military Training and Testing on and within the Surrounding Waters of the Island of Guam* and the 2022 *Programmatic Agreement Between the Commander, Joint Region Marianas and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Historic Preservation Officer, Regarding Military Training and Testing on and within the Surrounding Waters of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands* in coordination with the historic preservation offices of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and all signatories to those agreements.

The Study Area has not changed from the 2020 environmental analysis. The Study Area includes the at-sea areas of the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC); additional areas on the high seas north and west of the MIRC; the transit corridor between the MIRC and the Hawaii Range Complex; Navy pierside and harbor locations on Guam; and the land-based training area on FDM. The SEIS/OEIS does not include changes to the land-based activities on Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota previously analyzed in 2015. Therefore, activities on these islands will not be reanalyzed in the upcoming SEIS/OEIS.

Scoping comments must be postmarked or received online by **11:59 p.m. ChST on July 22** for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted via the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis or by mail to:

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The public's input is welcomed, valued, and appreciated.

Comments will be considered under NEPA and pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. There will be another public comment opportunity when the Draft SEIS/OEIS is available, which is anticipated to be released in January/February 2026.

Please visit the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis to view a virtual scoping presentation and learn more about the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, and public involvement opportunities.

Media seeking further information should contact Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs at jrmpublicaffairs@us.navy.mil or 671-349-4055.

Please help inform your community by sharing the information in this news release.

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Figure G-5: Scoping News Release (continued)

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You are invited to participate in the Public Scoping Process for the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) / Overseas EIS (OEIS).

The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard are preparing a supplement to previous analyses to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action to continue military readiness activities at sea and on Farallon de Medinilla within the MITT Study Area.

Interested members of the public are invited to learn more and submit comments during a public scoping period from June 7 to July 22, 2025.

Comments will be considered under the National Environmental Policy Act and pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. ChST on July 22, 2025, for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS. For more information or to submit comments online, visit www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis.



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Figure G-6: Social Media Post

G.2.3 Public Scoping Comments

Public comments were accepted via the project website and by postal mail. A total of 19 public comments were received. All comments submitted during the public scoping period are part of the public record, and relevant and substantive comments were considered during the development of the Draft SEIS/OEIS. A summary of public comments is found in Table G-3.

Table G-3: Summary of Scoping Comments

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about continuing military training and testing in the Mariana Islands. • Questions about the scope of the project, including changes in proposed activities from previous analyses and activity baselines. • Concerns about potential impacts on infrastructure by military activities. • Concerns about sinking ships and the effects on fishes and other marine species. • Concerns about long-term effects of military activities on the FDM (No'os) ecosystem and surrounding marine environments. • Concerns that debris or expended materials from military activities would remain in the environment. • Requests for the Action Proponents to evaluate an alternative that includes the demilitarization of the Study Area and Mariana Islands. • Questions about where military readiness activities would be conducted in proximity to Rota. • Questions about equipment or expended materials left on FDM. • Recommendations to shift Warning Area-517 slightly eastward to reduce fisher access limitations to productive fishing grounds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns about training and testing activities closing access for fishers at various Warning Areas and other ranges off Guam during prime fishing times and in prime fishing areas, such as Ritidian. • Concerns about environmental impacts resulting from temporary minefields and underwater detonations in Agat Bay and other similar areas. • Statements expressing general opposition to the proposal. • Requests to consider alternatives that support geographic exclusion zones to better protect critical ecosystems and Indigenous resources. • Concerns about the impacts on Apra Harbor from proposed activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests and suggestions for close coordination with local agencies to prevent disruption to time-sensitive cargo deliveries, fuel resupply, and essential civilian maritime activities. • Requests to consider the impacts military activities may have on infrastructure upgrade planning.
Sediments and Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about how military readiness activities would affect water quality. • Recommendations for direct water quality and sediment monitoring, including baseline and reference data collection, and comparing values to water quality standards and coral-specific thresholds. • Recommendations to consider the inclusion of the antidegradation policy that is part of CNMI's water quality standards. • Requests to detail active monitoring techniques used to limit suspended solids and control turbidity in the water following training and testing activities. • Concerns about biosecurity risk associated with ballast water and incidental discharges from military vessels.

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the effects of chemicals, metals, and hazardous discharges from military expended materials and military equipment. • Concerns about groundwater contamination from military activities. • Questions about the general approach to be taken for the water quality analysis in the SEIS/OEIS, and requests for a comprehensive assessment. • Recommendations for toxicology assessments on the potential bioaccumulation of toxins and chemicals in marine organisms found in the MITT Study Area.
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about how military readiness activities would affect clean air and climate change.
<p>Biological Resources</p> <p><i>(Marine Habitats, Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, Marine Birds, Marine Vegetation, Marine Invertebrates, Fishes)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the effects of military readiness activities on coral reefs, especially from debris and expended materials. • Recommendations for updated dive surveys to assess the health and status of coral reefs and undersea flora/fauna. • Concerns about the effects military readiness activities would have on sensitive species, seafood contamination, and invasive species. • Concerns about the impacts of proposed military readiness activities on the Micronesian megapode; migratory birds, such as boobies, terns, and frigates; cetaceans, such as beaked whales, humpback, and false killer whales; and green sea turtles. • Concerns about how noise from military readiness activities could startle marine species and could lead to hearing loss. • Concerns about the effects of sonar and other military activities on marine species and the potential linkage to stranding events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests for equipment or financial assistance to manage strandings and perform necropsy studies. • Concerns about the impacts military readiness activities would have on fisheries and marine biodiversity. • Concerns about how military readiness activities would affect endangered and endemic marine species. • Recommendations to increase the frequency of coral health surveys and monitoring. • Requests to analyze the effects of noise on coral reefs. • Concerns about the potential effects military activities would have on critical habitats of marine and terrestrial species, such as the Mariana crow, green sea turtles, and the Mariana fruit bat. • Recommendations to integrate data from recent scientific cruises in the Mariana Islands (May 2025 Ocean Exploration Trust and July 2025 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration expeditions) to support spatial analysis of deep-sea coral, seamounts, hydrothermal vents, and other sensitive habitats. • Requests to minimize disruptions to traditional and commercial fishing activities through early and inclusive coordination. • Questions about how the proposal would impact permitting fees from Distant Waters Fishing Nations for fishing in Exclusive Economic Zones of Palau and Federated States of Micronesia. • Requests to incorporate all previously stipulated conditions from the Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans Coastal Zone Management Act consistency determination, and to follow the proper channels to satisfy the Federal Consistency requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act. • Concerns about vessel strikes on marine mammals and sea turtles.

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about contaminants affecting fish populations and the people consuming these fish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions about fish species most impacted by military activities. • Concerns about potential impacts on essential fish habitat.
Terrestrial Species and Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the negative effects of military activities on the local fauna and flora of FDM (No'os). • Concerns about impacts on the Mariana fruit bat and tree snails from military activities. • Concerns about terrestrial species ingesting military debris. • Concerns about noise from military readiness activities startling wildlife, including driving out roosting sites for the Mariana fruit bat. • Concerns about how military readiness activities would affect endangered and endemic species, such as the Mariana fruit bat, Mariana crow, and the Rota bridled white-eye. • Concerns about how military readiness activities would affect species habitats, such as forests, limestone cliffs, and coastal ecosystems.
Cultural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about military activities in the Mariana Islands and effects on Indigenous people of the Pacific, sacred lands, and sacred water. • Concerns about the impacts military readiness activities would have on traditional fishing grounds. • Concerns that military readiness activities would interfere with traditional practices, such as talaya fishing, reef gleaning, and communal gatherings.
Socioeconomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about how activities would affect food security. • Recommendations to describe the effects of activities on local infrastructure and utilities, and the storage and disposal of hazardous substances and solid waste, on Guam and CNMI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include discussions on the impacts on goods, services, and resources on the islands, and how these impacts would be minimized. • Questions about the effects of military activities on marine tourism, public access, navigation routes, recreation, fishing, and shipping. • Questions about whether access restrictions would disproportionately affect local communities who primarily rely on certain ocean areas contained in the Study Area. • Questions about the general approach to be taken on the socioeconomics analysis; potential for compensation to cover economic hardships; deployment of Fish Aggregating Devices and financial support for saltwater aquaculture programs to minimize fishing impacts; and financial contributions to local infrastructure improvement projects.
Public Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests to prioritize the long-term health of the local people, waters, and ecosystems. • Concerns about ocean access. • Concerns about how activities would affect public health, especially of children. • Recommendations to conduct a seafood contamination study representative of local seafood consumption patterns to determine any potential connection to testing and training activities. • Concerns about the effects of minefields, underwater explosives, sonar, and other underwater noise on public safety. • Concerns about military activities compromising vessel safety and Apra Harbor port efficiency. • Requests to post signage for Surface Danger Zones in the Study Area.

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
Mitigation Measures and Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the effectiveness of existing mitigation measures, such as observation-based mitigation. • Concerns that adaptive management plans are reactive rather than proactive, and that development of proactive mitigation measures are necessary. • Requests for new mitigation measures to address noise, maritime safety, climate change, and legacy damage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendations for new measures include temporal separation protocols, predefined safety corridors, hazard simulation modeling with commercial vessel data, and inclusion of third-party observers. ○ Requests for passive acoustic monitoring to be a mandated mitigation measure. ○ Questions about whether new mitigation measures would be developed to address the changes in type, location, duration, and frequency of proposed activities. • Recommendations to consider geographic mitigations to avoid coral reef habitats, areas with shipwrecks, and hard substrate areas, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Measures that minimize military readiness activities during coral reef bleaching events to eliminate additional stressors and foster reef recovery. ○ Measures that minimize or halt in-water activities during primary coral spawning events each year for both hard and soft corals. • Recommendations to consider mitigation measures to prevent water runoff into the ocean from training and testing activities conducted on FDM. • Requests to detail the biosecurity measures/plan that would be employed to ensure that invasive species, such as the brown tree snake, do not spread from island to island due to training and testing activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to collaborate with local agencies focused on marine invasive species. • Requests to post notices to mariners at Agat and Agana marinas detailing schedules and locations to help minimize disruptions to fishing operations and ensure maritime safety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to consider expanded notices to mariners and use real-time digital alerts. • Requests for Action Proponents to distribute information on area closures and activity schedules to local government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, fishing clubs, air and sea transport companies, and local media. Distribution methods should include email, social media, and podcasts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Place printed notices at agency bulletin boards, fishing supply stores, local shops and markets, and announcements on AM radio to reach elders and rural communities. • Recommendations to schedule activities to avoid overlapping with local fishing tournaments, cargo transport operations, and traditional inter-island voyages. • Recommendations to conduct or support baseline and post-training environmental monitoring for water quality, fish stock health, catch rates, acoustic impacts, and overall ecosystem conditions; make findings publicly available. • Recommendations to consider funding and supporting fishing ground restoration projects if degradation occurs. • Recommendations to consider other geographic mitigations, such as avoidance of humpback whale breeding sites and seasons.

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to consider independent, third-party monitoring and enforcement. • Recommendations to communicate and collaborate with the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to identify submerged historic properties within the Study Area and to create avoidance measures around those areas. • Concerns about oversight and enforcement of proposed mitigation measures. • Requests for survey methods and reports for marine species avoidance measures, including marine mammals and endangered species, and questions about the effectiveness of those measures.
National Environmental Policy Act and Public Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about how the Action Proponents will be coordinating with Pacific Island agencies, such as the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. • Concerns about the Action Proponents ability to effectively consult with NMFS, the Environmental Protection Agency, CNMI agencies, and other regulatory agencies because of funding constraints and budget cuts under the current administration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns that failure to properly consult would compromise data integrity, responsiveness, and oversight over the analysis process. ○ Concerns that regulatory agencies would not be able to monitor and ensure adherence to environmental regulations. ○ Requests to postpone the MITT SEIS/OEIS and implementation of activities until proper review, regulatory oversight, and monitoring can be guaranteed. • Concerns that a 45-day comment period was inadequate and requests for a scoping comment period extension. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests for the Action Proponents to exceed the standard 45-day comment period when the Draft SEIS/OEIS is available for public review and comment. • Concerns that the project website and virtual scoping presentation were not easy to navigate. • Concerns that many people do not have access to the internet or technological devices, and that a lack of in-person meetings and non-digital resources meant that information was not being adequately disseminated to the local communities. • Concerns that translated materials were not available or were delayed. • Concerns about the content presented in the virtual scoping presentation, such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The content was vague, especially when it came to the sonar testing and live-bombing exercises. ○ No technical information on the types of ammunitions and sonar technology that would be used, or the frequency and intensity of these activities. • Requests to use tables to present technical information in a clear and understandable way. • Requests to ensure proper coordination with CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and Guam Department of Agriculture. • Recommendations to consult with the fishing community during the environmental planning and mitigation processes. • Requests for full transparency and public engagement by taking the following steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holding in-person public meetings on Guam and the CNMI with ample notice and providing direct responses to community concerns.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarifying whether the rescission of Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations would limit future public outreach by the military services and any impacts on the MITT NEPA outreach approach. ● Recommendations to improve communication, coordination, and transparency with local stakeholders. ● Requests to integrate the best available science and traditional ecological knowledge into planning and impact analyses. ● Recommendations to ensure the SEIS/OEIS is comprehensive and thorough; include in-depth descriptions of the Proposed Action, surrounding installations, Action Proponent activities, and cumulative effects; and provide detailed and accurate assessments of the environmental impacts on biological resources using updated data and scientific research, including peer-reviewed publications. ● Concerns about assessment inadequacies of the 2020 SEIS/OEIS, specifically of the cultural resource assessment, and carrying those over in the development of the Phase IV SEIS/OEIS. ● Recommendations for various independent resources and studies for the Action Proponents to review and consider during the development of the SEIS/OEIS. ● Requests for the implementation of targeted community outreach and educational initiatives. ● Requests for transparency to show all the agencies consulted with during the development of the SEIS/OEIS. ● Concerns that outreach efforts were focused on federal and territorial agencies and not community members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to consider more active engagement and consultation, including recurring meetings, with local and federal regulatory agencies and community members.
National Historic Preservation Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns about the existing Programmatic Agreement, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Protecting cultural and historical resources, including those not currently listed, but that are eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places. ○ Overcoming the limited scope and depth of consultation with the CHamoru community members during the Programmatic Agreement development. ○ Working collaboratively with Guam’s State Historic Preservation Office and CHamoru cultural experts to conduct annual reviews and updates to constraint maps and conducting archaeological surveys in high-risk or inaccessible areas, such as FDM. ○ Developing mitigation measures and environmental stewardship protocols that exceed technical compliance, including avoidance measures that reflect spatial data and cultural sensitivity. ● Concerns about the current Programmatic Agreements and application of the Programmatic Agreements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns about the adequacy of the 2020 Programmatic Agreement and its ability to fulfill Section 106 requirements of NHPA. ○ Requests that any future Programmatic Agreements are shaped collaboratively, transparently, and with a commitment to Indigenous heritage and land stewardship. ● Questions about the Section 106 consultation process and requests for proper community consultation and respect for Indigenous knowledge.

Resource Area/Topic	Issue/Concern
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that the Area of Potential Effects includes Guam’s surrounding waters and landscapes that are home to submerged shipwrecks, artifacts, and sacred sites that hold historical and cultural significance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to limit or restrict conducting military readiness activities in these areas. • Requests that the Section 106 review process continue to have oversight and accountability, that annual reviews be conducted collaboratively with Guam’s State Historic Preservation Office and local cultural advisory boards, and that findings be communicated to the community. • Concerns that the 2020 SEIS/OEIS did not accurately identify submerged historic properties or actively engage with Indigenous communities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requests to consider Traditional Cultural Places and consult with Indigenous communities. • Questions about the potential development of a Built Environment Treatment Plan or an Archaeological Treatment Plan.
Cumulative Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about the interaction of MITT activities with nearby large-scale projects and other military build-up in the area, and potential cumulative effects. Projects include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CNMI Joint Military Training ○ Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements ○ F-15 Beddown and Infrastructure Upgrades at Andersen Air Force Base ○ Enhanced Integrated Air and Missile Defense System on Guam ○ Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Ship Training and Testing ○ Other applicable projects • Requests to address cumulative environmental, cultural, and health effects of the proposed military readiness activities in the SEIS/OEIS. • Questions about the analysis of cumulative effects. • Concerns about how the reopening of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument to fishing may affect the MITT analysis. • Concerns about the cumulative effects of military activities and severe weather events, such as typhoons, on marine and terrestrial environments.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about the amount of waste from military activities that would need to be disposed of on Rota. • Concerns about the current administration’s adherence to environmental laws and constitutional rights. • Concerns about military activities in other regions and the release of potential pollution and toxic substances. • Statements of opposition to the perceived militarization of the Mariana Islands. • Recommendations to participate in the Guam Civil-Military Coordinating Council meeting to present project information.

G.3 Notification of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement, Public Review and Comment Period, and Public Meetings

The Draft SEIS/OEIS public review and comment period begins with the posting of the joint Notice of Availability (NOA) and Notice of Public Meetings (NOPM) on the project website. The public is invited to review the Draft SEIS/OEIS and provide comments, especially those that are substantive to the accuracy and adequacy of the environmental analysis. Comments will be accepted by mail, through the SEIS/OEIS website at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis>, and at the public meetings.

G.3.1 Public Meeting Notifications

The Action Proponents will make significant efforts to notify the public of the availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS and encourage participation during the public review and comment period. All public notices will coincide with posting of the NOA/NOPM on the project website and will include information about the availability of the Draft SEIS/OEIS and where it can be accessed; the Proposed Action and its purpose and need; the NEPA and NHPA processes; public commenting information; the locations, dates, and times of public meetings; and availability of a virtual presentation on the project website. The Action Proponents will also provide the public with project information and invite public review and comment. A summary of these efforts follows.

G.3.1.1 Notification Letters

Notification letters will be mailed to federal and local elected officials and government agencies and other key stakeholders. Entities that will receive a notification letter are listed in Table G-4.

Table G-4: Entities that Will Receive the Draft SEIS/OEIS Notification Letter

Guam
<i>Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies</i>
U.S. Congress
Guam Air Traffic Control Center
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Wildlife Services
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Guam Service Center
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
War in the Pacific National Historic Park
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Guam National Wildlife Refuge
Pacific Islands Office, Guam Office
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
Education and Outreach Coordinator
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
Office of the Governor

Community Defense Liaison Office Guam Commission on Decolonization Guam Committee on Decolonization Military and Regional Affairs Office of the Lt. Governor of Guam Office of the Senator 38th Guam Legislature Mayors' Council of Guam Municipality of Agana Heights Municipality of Asan-Ma'ina Municipality of Barrigada Municipality of Chålan Pågu-Otdot Municipality of Dededo Municipality of Hågat Municipality of Hagåtña Municipality of Humåtak Municipality of Inalåhan Municipality of Malessó' Municipality of Mangilao Municipality of Mongmong-To'to-Maite' Municipality of Piti Municipality of Sânta Rita-Sumai Municipality of Sinajana Municipality of Talo'fo'fo' Municipality of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Municipality of Yigo Municipality of Yo'ña Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority (Guam International Airport) Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Guam Army National Guard Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans Coastal Management Program Guam Chamber of Commerce Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency Guam Department of Agriculture Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Fisheries Guam Department of Education CHamoru Studies and Special Projects Division Guam Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities Guam Department of Labor Guam Department of Land Management Guam Chamorro Land Trust Commission Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services Guam Department of Public Works Guam Department of Youth Affairs Guam Economic Development Authority Guam Energy Office Guam Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Program
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<p>Water Resources Management Program Guam Fire Department Guam Homeland Security Department Office of Civil Defense Guam Land Use Commission Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Guam Military Buildup Office Guam Power Authority Consolidated Utility Services Guam State Historic Preservation Office Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Guam Veterans Affairs Office Guam Visitors Bureau Cultural Heritage, Community Outreach and Branding Guam Waterworks Authority Compliance & Safety Division Kumision Chamoru Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts Pacific Islands Area Soil and Water Conservation District Port Authority of Guam University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service Division of Natural Sciences Marine Laboratory Water and Environmental Research Institute U.S. Marshals Service, District of Guam</p>
<i>Saipan</i>
<i>Federal Elected Officials and Federal Agencies</i>
<p>U.S. Congress U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Saipan, Tinian & Aguiguan Service Center Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council</p>
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
<p>CNMI Office of the Governor CNMI Public Information and Protocol Office Office of the Mayor, Saipan Northern Islands CNMI Senate CNMI House of Representatives CNMI Office of the Mayor Municipality of Saipan Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education, and Environmental Management CNMI Bureau of Military Affairs CNMI Department of Commerce CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife CNMI Department of Public Lands CNMI Department of Public Safety Office of the Commissioner</p>

CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management CNMI Northern Marianas College Cooperative, Research, Extension and Education Service CNMI Office of Military and Veteran Affairs CNMI Zoning Board Office Division of Parks and Grounds Marianas Visitors Authority Commonwealth Ports Authority Saipan Chamber of Commerce
<i>Tinian</i>
<i>Federal Elected Officials</i>
U.S. Congress U.S. House of Representatives
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
Office of the Mayor Municipality of Tinian & Aguiguan CNMI Department of Public Lands, Tinian Office CNMI Department of Public Safety Tinian Fire Division Tinian Chamber of Commerce
<i>Rota</i>
<i>Federal Elected Officials</i>
U.S. Congress
<i>Local Elected Officials and Local Agencies</i>
Office of the Mayor Municipality of Rota 19th Rota Municipal Council Department of Public Lands, Rota Office Rota Gaming Commission
<i>Federal Agencies outside of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota</i>
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Federal Maritime Commission Bureau of Certification and Licensing Office of the Secretary Marine Mammal Commission U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region 5 Pacific Southwest Research Station Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service Headquarters Office for Coastal Management Office of Law Enforcement Office of Protected Resources Pacific Islands Regional Office Protected Resources Division

National Ocean Service
U.S. Department of State
Office of Environmental Quality
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service (Regions 8, 9, 10, 12)
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
Office of Insular Affairs
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office
Pacific Islands Refuges and Monuments Office
Marianas Trench Marine National Monument
Pacific Region
U.S. Geological Survey
Pacific Coastal and Marine Science Center
Pacific Islands Water Science Center
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Western Pacific Region
Maritime Administration
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
National Environmental Policy Act Office
Pacific Islands Office
Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council

G.3.1.2 Postcards

Postcards will be mailed to interested individuals, nongovernmental organizations, and other groups or organizations.

G.3.1.3 Newspaper Advertisements

Display advertisements will be placed in the Guam Daily Post and Pacific Daily News (Guam), and Marianas Variety (CNMI).

G.3.1.4 News Releases and Public Service Announcement

Two news releases and a public service announcement will be distributed by the JRM PAO to local and regional media outlets.

G.3.1.5 Social Media Post

The JRM PAO will post information on their active social media platforms, such as Facebook.

G.3.1.6 Email Notifications

Email notifications will be distributed to existing website subscribers.

G.3.2 Public Information

G.3.2.1 Fact Sheets

The Action Proponents will prepare a project fact sheet with information about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis contained in this Draft SEIS/OEIS. The fact sheet will be

posted on the project website. An abbreviated version of the fact sheet will be translated into CHamoru (Guam), Chamorro (CNMI), and Carolinian.

G.3.2.2 Project Video

The Action Proponents are developing a video to provide information on the importance of military readiness activities and the military's successful natural and cultural stewardship programs in the Study Area. The project video will be available on the project website.

G.3.2.3 Virtual Presentation

The Action Proponents will prepare a virtual presentation for the Draft SEIS/OEIS public review and comment phase and make it available on the website. The presentation provides more information about the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, and the importance of military readiness activities in the Study Area; potential effects on environmental resource areas from the Proposed Action and measures intended to avoid, minimize, or mitigate these effects; the Navy's marine species research and monitoring program; NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes; public involvement opportunities; and commenting information.

G.3.2.4 Stakeholder Briefings

The Action Proponents will brief multiple project stakeholders in person on Guam, Saipan, and Tinian during the public review and comment period. Briefings will also be offered upon request to recipients of the notification letters.

G.3.3 Public Meetings

In support of the NEPA process, the Action Proponents will hold one in-person public meeting on Guam and one in-person meeting in the CNMI to inform the public about the Proposed Action and answer questions on the draft environmental analysis and potential effects, and will solicit public comments on the environmental analysis in this Draft SEIS/OEIS. The public meetings will include informational poster stations staffed by project representatives, a presentation, and oral comment session. A certified court reporter will be available during the oral comment session and during the open house for one-on-one oral comments; written comments can be submitted at any time during the meetings. Language interpreter(s) may be available at the public meetings.

G.4 Distribution of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

Parties to be notified of the availability of this Draft SEIS/OEIS will be directed to access the document electronically on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis or to access hard copies available at established information repositories.

G.4.1 Federal Agencies

This Draft SEIS/OEIS will be distributed to federal and local agencies upon request.

G.4.2 Information Repositories

This Draft SEIS/OEIS will be mailed in hard copy form to the information repository locations shown in Table G-5. These copies are to be made available to the public for a minimum of one year.

Table G-5: Information Repositories

<p>Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library University of Guam UOG Station Mangilao, GU 96923-1871</p> <p>Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library 254 Martyr St. Hagåtña, GU 96910-5141</p>	<p>Tinian Tinian Public Library San Jose Village Tinian, MP 96952-9997</p>
<p>Rota Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Library (Rota Public Library) Rota, MP 96951-9997</p>	<p>Saipan Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Insatto St. and Beach Road Saipan, MP 96950-9996</p>

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