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PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY LAND-BASED TRAINING AND TESTING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT; NAVY TO HOST PUBLIC MEETING

PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY, Hawaii — The U.S. Navy invites the public to review the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) Land-Based Training and Testing Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and welcomes substantive comments on the accuracy and adequacy of the environmental impact analysis. The Navy is hosting an open house meeting for the public to learn more about the Proposed Action and Draft EA.

Public Participation

The open house will feature informational poster stations with an opportunity for the public to meet the project team and ask questions about the proposal. During the event the Navy will provide a short presentation about the project.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open House

5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Navy Presentation

Kauai Veterans Center

3215 Kauai Veterans Memorial Hwy.

Lihue, HI 96766

Draft EA Public Review and Comment

The public can download the Draft EA [https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National - Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/](https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/About-Us/National-Environmental-Policy-Act-NEPA-Information/) or view a printed copy at the Waimea or Lihue public libraries.

Public involvement is an important part of the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 processes. We encourage you to submit a comment on the draft EA or if you have information or concerns about historic properties. Comments may be submitted at the open house, by email to **PMRF-LBT-EA-Comments@us.navy.mil**, or by postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems
Command Pacific/EV22
Attention: PMRF LBT EA Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860

Comments must be postmarked or received electronically by 11:59 p.m. HST on **Sept. 30, 2024**, for consideration in the development of the Final EA.

Proposed Action

The Navy, in cooperation with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), has prepared a Draft EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of conducting land-based, multi-domain (air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace) training and testing activities at launch areas and other locations under the management of PMRF. MDA is a cooperating agency because of its launch activities at PMRF. The U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Marine Corps are participating in the development of the EA as additional range users.

The Proposed Action is to conduct an increased number of land-based, multi-domain training and testing activities within the Study Area. These activities would be conducted by the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and MDA and may also include the participation of foreign militaries under U.S. sponsorship and oversight. The Proposed Action also includes standard operating procedures to avoid or minimize potential impacts on environmental and cultural resources.

No new types of training or testing activities are proposed at PMRF or Kaula Island; the activities proposed are currently being, or have previously been, conducted at these locations and are similar to those analyzed in previous environmental documents. Training and testing activities conducted at sea and the in-water effects of land-based activities (e.g., land-based missile launch) were previously analyzed in the 2018 Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide the U.S. military services and MDA with land-based training and testing activities at a level that supports military readiness into the reasonably foreseeable future. The Proposed Action is needed to ensure U.S. military services are able to organize, train, and equip service members and personnel to meet their respective national defense missions.

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