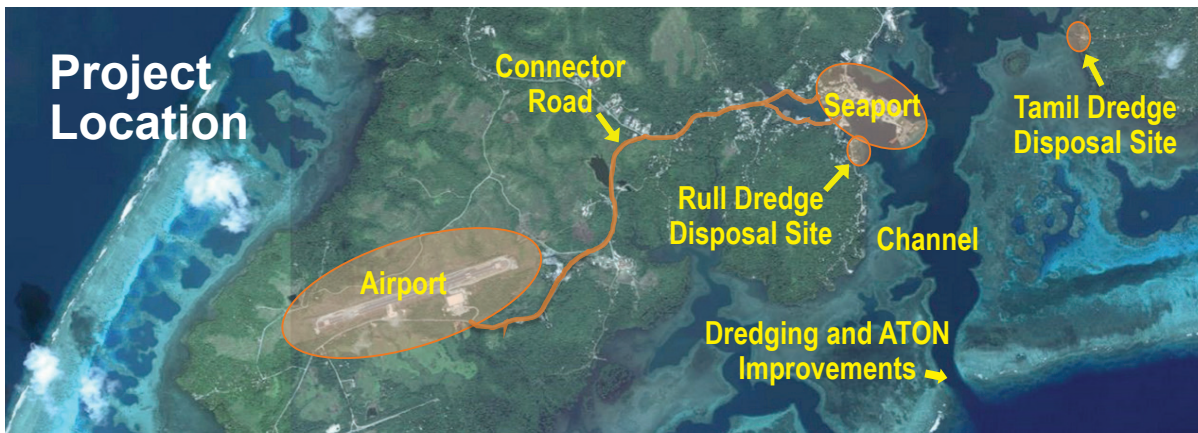


Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Infrastructure Improvements at the Yap International Airport and the Yap Seaport

In accordance with the Compact of Free Association (CoFA), the U.S. Department of War (DoW) published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for infrastructure improvements at the Yap International Airport and Yap Seaport on April 14, 2026 (YAPT), initiating a 45-day public comment period. Public comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted through May 29, 2026 (YAPT). Comments related to historic properties as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act will also be considered as part of the cultural resources consultation process. The Draft EIS explains the purpose and need for the project, describes alternatives that were considered, and studies the potential impacts of making improvements to the Airport and Seaport and the means to minimize those impacts.

The Proposed Action includes improvements, repairs, and upgrades to the Yap International Airport and Seaport for joint use by Yap State and U.S. DoW personnel to enhance U.S. obligations to provide for the defense of FSM per the CoFA. The project includes six major project components:

- 1 Yap International Airport Improvements:** *Runway extension, pavement replacement, aircraft parking apron and taxiway, improved stormwater management system, fuel storage, buildings and facilities, fencing, roadway improvements*
- 2 Yap Seaport Wharf Improvements:** *Wharf deck replacement, new wharf, fencing and security, improved stormwater management system, electrical upgrades and lights*
- 3 Colonia Harbor and Waneday Channel Dredging and Widening:** *Seafloor dredging; dredge material disposal and land reclamation at Seaport, Rull, and Tamil; dredge material made available for community reuse*
- 4 Waneday Channel Aids to Navigation (ATON) Improvements:** *ATON replacement, new entrance channel range markers*
- 5 Airport-to-Seaport Connector Road improvements:** *Repair or repave roadways, drainage facilities, install sidewalk along Chamorro Bay road*
- 6 Post-Construction Training:** *Up to two total training events per year at the Airport and/or Seaport*



Project Location

For detailed project information, please see Draft EIS Section 2.5.

Resources Studied in the EIS

The Draft EIS provides an analysis of the potential impacts of the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative on 14 environmental resource areas:

- Topography, Geology, Soils
- Water Resources
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
- Marine Biological Resources
- Terrestrial Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Land Use
- Airspace
- Infrastructure and Utilities
- Transportation
- Public Health and Safety
- Hazardous Materials and Wastes
- Socioeconomics

The project will apply best management practices (BMPs) and avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts where possible. **Section 2.8 of the Draft EIS** describes BMPs in detail. The analysis indicates that implementing BMPs would successfully reduce impacts to less than significant levels for most resources studied. However, significant adverse impacts are still anticipated for a few resource areas, namely water resources, marine and terrestrial biological resources, cultural resources, noise, and land use. The EIS discusses potential mitigation measures to minimize significant adverse impacts.

EIS Timeline

Identify Project Need

Notice of Intent

Public Scoping (2x)
(Meetings and Comments)

Draft EIS Preparation

Draft EIS Public Review
(Meetings and Comments)

Final EIS Preparation
(Respond to Comments)

Record of Decision

Mitigation and Monitoring

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Where can the EIS be found?

The Draft EIS can be downloaded from the project website:

www.nepa.navy.mil/yapeis

Copies are also available for review at the Yap State Library.



Public Meeting

Submit written or oral comments at a Draft EIS public meeting:

Date: April 28, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Small Business Development Center Conference Room



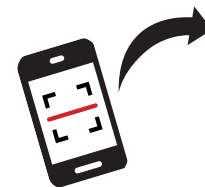
How to Comment

POSTAL MAIL

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PROJECT WEBSITE

Visit the "Comment" tab on the project website at: www.nepa.navy.mil/yapeis or scan the QR code



Written or oral comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by **May 29, 2026 (YAPT)** to be considered in the Final EIS and cultural resources consultation process.