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Stryker Brigade NEPA Draft EIS

The Department of the Army has announced the availability of a DEIS for the permanent stationing of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (2/25th) SBCT. The Department of the Army has prepared this DEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to disclose potential impacts to the natural, physical, and human environment resulting from the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT. Potential impacts have been analyzed at installations which are capable of meeting the SBCTs training, operational, soldier and family quality of life, and strategic deployment requirements. Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 45-days from July 20, 2007. Send all written comments and suggestions to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, Attention: IMAE-PA, 5179 Hoadley Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401. For details, contact (410-436-2556) (see, 72, F.R. 39800, July 20, 2007).

Hawaii Range Complex NEPA Draft EIS

The Hawai'i Range Complex (HRC) consists of open ocean areas (outside 12 nautical miles (nm)), offshore areas (within 12 nm from land), and onshore areas geographically situated on and around the Hawaiian Islands. The complex covers 235,000 square nm around the main Hawaiian Islands chain and a 2.1 million square nm Temporary Operating Area (TOA) of sea and airspace. The study area is a complex consisting of instrumented ocean areas, airspace, ocean surface operation areas, targets, and land range facilities. The Navy proposes to support and conduct current and emerging training and defense related research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) operations in the HRC and to upgrade or modernize range complex capabilities to enhance and sustain Navy training and defense-related testing. This would be accomplished by increasing training operations and implementing necessary force structure changes; supporting three transient Strike Group training exercises at the same time and an additional aircraft carrier during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercises; operating a Portable Undersea Tracking Range; constructing and operating an Acoustic Test Facility; enhancing research, development, test and evaluation, and training operations at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF); and

using the TOA as required. The Draft EIS/Overseas EIS (OEIS) evaluates the potential environmental impacts of three alternatives, including two action alternatives (Alternatives 1 and 2) and the No-action Alternative. The No-action Alternative stands as no change from current levels of training usage. Alternatives 1 and 2 analyze an increased tempo and frequency of training exercises in the HRC. Alternative 2 is the Navy's preferred alternative. No significant adverse impacts are identified for any resource area in any geographic location within the HRC that cannot be mitigated, with the exception of exposure of marine mammals to underwater sound. NMFS has received an application from the Navy for a Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Letter of Authorization (LOA) and governing regulations to authorize incidental take of marine mammals that may result from the implementation of the activities analyzed in the Draft EIS/OEIS. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is participating as a cooperating agency in the development of this Draft EIS/OEIS. NMFS staff will be present at the scheduled open house and public hearings and available to discuss both the MMPA incidental take authorization process and NMFS' participation in the development of the EIS. The Draft EIS/OEIS was distributed to Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, as well as other interested individuals and organizations on July 20, 2007. On July 27, 2007, Navy issued a revision to the Draft EIS/OEIS that was filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on July 19, 2007. Errata sheets and a corrected Draft EIS/OEIS were distributed to all Federal, State, and local agencies, elected officials, and other interested individuals and organizations on Navy's distribution list. To allow for the full 45-day review of the Draft EIS/OEIS, the public comment period has been extended from September 10, 2007 to September 17, 2007.

The Draft EIS/OEIS is also available for electronic public viewing at <http://www.govsupport.us/hrc>. For details contact the Public Affairs Office at (410-436-2556); facsimile at (410-436-1693) during normal business hours Monday through Friday (see, 72 F.R. 39800, July 20, 2007).

Castle and Cooke Waiawa Subdivision

Castle and Cooke Homes Hawai'i, Inc. is seeking an approval from the State Land Use Commission for a master-planned, mixed-use residential community in Central O'ahu. The 191-acre project will include approximately 1,500 single family homes and multi-family units, neighborhood commercial sites, churches, recreational centers, and community parks. Comments on the final environmental assessment - environmental impact statement preparation notice are due on September 7, 2007. For details, please see page 9.



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Shoreline Notices

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Shoreline Certifications and Rejections

Pursuant to §§13-222-26, HAR the following shorelines have been proposed for certification or rejection by the DLNR. Any person or agency wishing to appeal a proposed shoreline certification or rejection shall file a notice of appeal in writing with the department no later than 20 calendar days from the date of the public notice of the proposed shoreline certification or rejection. The Notice of appeal shall be sent to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 220, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

File No.	Proposed/Rejected	Location	Applicant/Owner	TMK
OA-1153	Rejection	Lot 6, being a portion of R.P. 4498, L.C. Aw. 6175, Ap.1, situated at Waiupe, Honolulu, Island of O'ahu. Address: 5295 Kalamiana'ole Highway Purpose: Building setback	R.M. Towill Corporation/ Kaulani, LLC	3-6-002:002
OA-1160	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 26, Block I of Maunaloa Beach Subdivision, also a portion of R.P. 4475 L.C. Aw. 7713, situated at Maunaloa, Honolulu, Island of O'ahu. Address: 365 Portlock Road Purpose: Building permit	Wesley T. Tengan/John & Tamra Scott	3-9-004:009
OA-1161	Proposed Shoreline Certification	Lot 14 of "La'i-O-Nui Tract", being a portion of R.P. 52, L.C. Aw. 802, situated at Niu, Honolulu, Island of Oahu. Address: 100 Niuliki Circle Purpose: Permit purpose	Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc./American Trust Company of Hawai'i	3-7-002:043

Federal Notices

Hawai'i Range Complex DEIS

(Please see updated notice on the front page of this periodic bulletin.) The Department of the Navy invites the public to review and submit comments on a draft environmental impact statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) that it prepared for the Hawai'i Range Complex (HRC) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, the Department of the Navy Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 C.F.R. Section 775); and Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions. The Navy has identified the need to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) operations in the Hawaii Range Complex. The alternatives – the No-action alternative, Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 – were analyzed in the EIS/OEIS. The No-action alternative stands as no change from current levels of training usage and include HRC training, support, and RDT&E operations, major exercises, and the monitoring of marine mammals. Alternative 1 includes all ongoing training operations associated with the No-action alternative, an increase tempo and frequency of such training operations and new training operation, enhanced and future RDT&E operations, enhancements to optimize HRC capabilities, and Major exercises. Alternative 2 would include all of the training operations described in Alternative 1 with the addition of increasing the tempo and frequency of training operations, enhancing RDT&E operations, future RDT&E operations, and additional Major exercises, such

as supporting three Strike Groups training at the same time. The EIS/OEIS addressed the potential environmental impacts that would result from activities that would occur under the No-action alternative and Alternatives 1 and 2. Environmental resources topics evaluated include air quality, airspace, biological resources (open ocean, offshore, and onshore), cultural resources, geology and soils, hazardous materials and waste, health and safety, land use, noise, socioeconomics, transportation, utilities, and water resources.

The Navy will conduct public hearings listed below to receive oral and written comments. All events below will start with an Open House from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the evening. Presentations and public comment will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at night. Public hearings will be held as follows:
KAUA'I – Tuesday, August 21, 2007, Kaua'i War Memorial Convention Hall, 4191 Hardy Street, Lihu'e;
HONOLULU – Thursday, August 23, 2007, McKinley High School, 1039 S. King Street, Honolulu;
WAILUKU – Monday, August 27, 2007, Baldwin High School, 1650 Ka'ahumanu Avenue, Wailuku; and,
HILO – Wednesday, August 29, 2007, Waiakea High School, 155 W. Kawili Street, Hilo.

Comments may be submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, P.O. Box 128, Kekaha, Hawai'i 96752-0128, ATTN: HRC EIS/OEIS. Comments may also be sent by telephone facsimile to (808-335-4520). Comments may also be sent by electronic mail to deis_hrs@govsupport.us (July 19, 2007, letter, 5090 N01CE1/0552).