

The Environmental Notice

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Electronic Documents and the EIS Process

The Office received an inquiry from a consultant on whether Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files can be used in lieu of hard paper copies of an environmental impact statement.

When the EIS rules were amended in 1996, the notion of a tamper proof, easily distributed "electronic document" was not a common one. Since then, technology has progressed to where such documents can be created and distributed easily by way of electronic mail or the Internet. Today, our society is confronted with a "digital divide." We at the Office of Environmental Quality Control remain uncertain as to how many have access to computers and the Internet, and how many do not.

Until the Environmental Council amends its rules to address the use of electronic documents, the Office respectfully recommends that during the early consultation phases of the environmental assessment that would precede a draft environmental impact statement, the agency should review the distribution list found in the Guidebook and inquire in writing in advance whether those on this list would like to receive a hard paper copy of the environmental impact statement, or an Adobe Acrobat PDF file of the same. We believe that doing so would serve to reduce printing costs and minimize waste paper.

Please call us at (808) 586-4185 if there are any other questions or concerns.

Request to Please Complete Bulletin Form and Summary Electronically

In our April 23, 2008, Environmental Notice, we requested that document submittals for publication in the Environmental Notice include the bulletin form and summary in electronic format. Some submittals of the bulletin form and summary have been in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and it is with great difficulty that we extract that information from the PDF file. We would like to extend our sincere mahalo to all who have responded to our request and we would like to request that the bulletin form and summary be placed in a Microsoft Word file or in the body of the electronic mail sent to OEQC. Thank you for your assistance in making the environmental review process more efficient.



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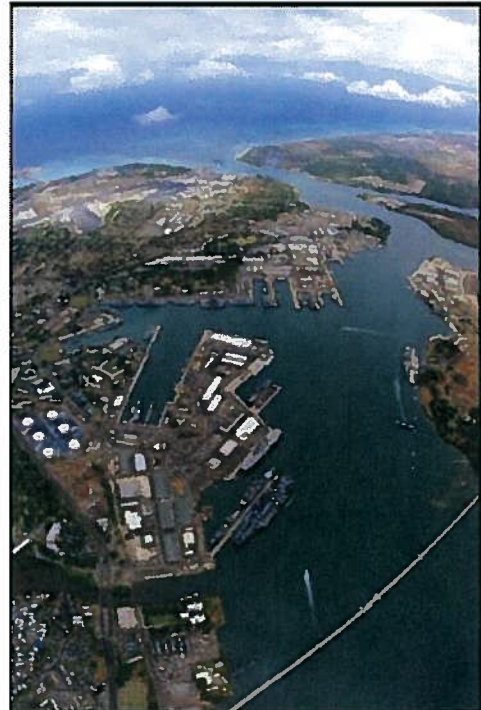
Hawai'i Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The Hawai'i Range Complex Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS) has been filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Final EIS/OEIS addresses the comments received on the Draft EIS of July 2007 and the Supplement to the Draft EIS of February 2008. All public written and oral comments received during the review period and the responses to these comments are provided in Chapters 13 and 14 of the Final EIS/OEIS.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Public Affairs Officer
Pacific Missile Range Facility
P.O. Box 128, Kekaha
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ATTN: HRC EIS/OEIS
Facsimile: (808) 335-4520
E-mail: feis_hrc@govsupport.us

Written comments must be postmarked or received by June 9, 2008 to ensure they become part of the official record.



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Draft Wake Island Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) 2008-2012 Update

Federal Agency: 15 AW Hickam AFB, Hawai'i, 15th Airlift Wing, CES/CEVP, 75 H Street, Building 1202, Hickam AFB, Hawai'i 96853

Send

Comments To: Aaron Hebshi (telephone (808) 449-3198) at the above address or by electronic mail to aaron.hebshi.ctr@hickam.af.mil

Comment

Deadline: June 22 2008

The 15th Airlift Wing (15 AW) has prepared an update to the INRMP for Wake Island to ensure the successful accomplishment of the military mission while providing for exceptional environmental stewardship by integrating all aspects of natural resource management with Air Force activity on the installation. The plan addresses current natural-resource conditions and proposes measures to protect and improve these resources. A copy of the Draft INRMP is available for a 30 day public review.

It can be downloaded from the 15 AW website <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=12420> or obtained by contacting the address above.

Availability of Environmental Impact Statements

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Federal Activities announced the notice of availability of the following Environmental Impact Statement in its weekly receipt notice of EIS's file from April 28, 2008, through May 2, 2008, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1506.9. EIS No. 20080177, Final EIS, USN, HI, *Hawai'i Range Complex (HRC) Project*. The Preferred Alternative is 3 - To Support and Maintain Navy Pacific Fleet Training, and Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) Operations, Kaua'i, Honolulu, Maui and Hawai'i Counties, State of Hawai'i. Wait Period Ends: June 9, 2008. Contact: Tom Clements (866) 767-3347. For general information please call (202) 564-7167 (see, 73 F.R. 26394, May 9, 2008).

Meeting of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) was to have met on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The meeting was to have been held in Room M09 of the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC at 8 a.m. The ACHP was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et. seq.) to advise the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The ACHP's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense, Housing and Urban Development, Commerce, Education, Veterans Affairs, and Transportation; the Administrator of the General Services Administration; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the

President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native American; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President. For information as to what transpired at the meeting, write to the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 803, Washington, DC 20004 (see, 73 F.R. 26358, May 9, 2008).

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will convene the following meetings in Honolulu: the Hawai'i Archipelago Advisory Panel will meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Council office at 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813; the Hawai'i Archipelago Plan Team will meet on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 and Thursday, May 15, 2008, from 8:30 A.M., until 5:00 P.M. each day at the Council office at 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813; and the Hawai'i Archipelago Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee originally scheduled to meet on Friday, May 16, 2008, from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Pagoda Hotel 1525 Rycroft Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814 has been postponed indefinitely (see, 73 F.R. 27802, May 14, 2008). For details, please contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director at (808) 522-8220 see, 73 F.R. 22137, April 24, 2008).

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings from Tuesday, May 27, 2008, through Thursday May 29, 2008. The public meetings will be held at Waiakea High School, 155 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, Hawai'i; at the Hawai'i Big Game Fishing Club at the Honokohau Harbor in Kona, Hawai'i; and at Pacific Ocean Producers, Pier 38, 1133 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone (808) 522-8220 (see, 73 F.R. 26965, May 12, 2008).

The 98th meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene Tuesday, June 10, 2008, through Thursday June 12, 2008. The SSC meeting will be held will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, and between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 11-12, 2008. The SSC meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawai'i, telephone (808) 522-8220. For details contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director (see, 73 F.R. 27803, May 14, 2008).

Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment To Support Operations in the Pacific Theater

The Department of the Army announces the availability of a Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DSPEIS) for the growth and realignment of the United States Army to support Operations in the Pacific Theater. The Department of the Army has prepared a DSPEIS that evaluates the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with alternatives for implementing the growth, realignment, and transformation of the Army's forces to support Operations in the