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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE HAWAII RANGE COMPLEX FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Navy (Navy), after carefully weighing the operational and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to support and conduct current and emerging Department of Defense (DoD) training and research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) activities in the Hawaii Range Complex (HRC), and upgrade or modernize range complex capabilities to enhance and sustain training and RDT&E. The Navy considered applicable Executive Orders, including an analysis of the environmental effects of its actions outside the United States or its territories under the provisions of Executive Order 12114 (*Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*) and the requirements of Executive Order 12898 (*Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations*). The proposed action will be accomplished as set out in Alternative 3, described in the Final EIS/OEIS as the preferred alternative. Implementation of the preferred alternative could begin immediately. Because the Navy is required by section 5062 of Title 10 of the United States Code to organize, train, equip, and maintain combat-ready forces, ongoing training and RDT&E activities within the HRC will continue at current levels in the event that the proposed action is not implemented.

The decision was made after consideration of potential environmental consequences of the operationally viable alternatives. The Navy identified a reasonable range of alternatives, based upon the criteria set out in the Final EIS/OEIS, that would satisfy its purpose and need. Alternatives considered in the Final EIS/OEIS were identified as the No-action Alternative, Alternative 1, Alternative 2, and Alternative 3. Alternatives 1 through 3 include the No-action Alternative in their descriptions. Alternative 3 was selected because it allows the Navy to meet its future warfare training and RDT&E mission objectives while avoiding increases in potential effects on marine mammals above baseline levels of mid-frequency and high-frequency active sonar hours associated with anti-submarine warfare training in the HRC. The ROD describes applicable mitigation measures for the selected alternative.

The ROD has been distributed to all those individuals who requested a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS and agencies and organizations that received a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS. The full text of the ROD is available for public viewing at <http://www.govsupport.us/navynepahawaii/downloads.aspx>. Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by contacting the Public Affairs Officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, Attn: HRC EIS/OEIS ROD, P.O. Box 128 Kekaha, Hawaii, 96752-0128; email: feis_hrc@govsupport.us; or calling the Public Affairs Officer at (866) 767-3347.