



## CNMI Joint Military Training Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The United States (U.S.) is rebalancing military forces in the Asia Pacific the region. In support of this, the U.S. military is proposing to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The U.S. Marine Corps is leading this joint service initiative on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. This proposed action follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA provides the public with opportunities to provide input and assist the decision maker in making an informed decision. Your comments are welcome and important to us.

**Proposed Action:** To establish live-fire Range Training Areas (RTAs) within the CNMI to address the U.S. Pacific Command Service Components' unfilled unit level and combined level training requirements in the Western Pacific. To meet the purpose and need for the proposed action, the Department of Defense proposes a unit level RTA on Tinian and a combined level RTA on Pagan.

**Purpose and Need:** To reduce joint training deficiencies for military services in the Western Pacific. Existing U.S. military live-fire, unit and combined level training ranges, training areas, and support facilities are insufficient to support U.S. Pacific Command Service Components' training requirements in the Western Pacific, specifically in the Mariana Islands. The proposed action is needed to enable U.S. Pacific Command forces to meet their U.S. Code Title 10 (Armed Forces) requirements to maintain, equip, and train combat and humanitarian forces in the Western Pacific.

**Public Meetings:** The U.S. military is holding open house style public meetings on Saipan and Tinian to invite public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS).

At these meetings, you are encouraged to:

- View posters about the project
- Engage in the NEPA process and review informational materials
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the analysis presented in the Draft EIS/OEIS
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Provide written or verbal comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS

## We Need and Value Your Participation

We invite your comments on the Draft EIS/OEIS. You can provide your input as indicated below.

### At this meeting:

- Fill out a comment form and return it before the end of the public meeting.
- Provide verbal comments at the hearing.

### After this meeting:

- **Mail comments to:**

Naval Facilities Engineering  
Command, Pacific  
Attn: 09PA, Public Affairs Office  
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100  
JBPHH, HI 96860-3134

- Submit comments electronically at:  
[www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com](http://www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com)

**Comments must be received or postmarked by June 3, 2015  
Chamorro Standard Time**

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## Public Meetings

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Time 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saipan Southern High School Cafeteria,  
Saipan

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Time 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Tinian Junior Senior High School Cafeteria,  
Tinian

Friday, May 1, 2015

Time 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria,  
Saipan