

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Training and Exercises at Airfields in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force (DAF) is issuing this Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential social, economic, and environmental effects associated with conducting aircraft training and exercises at airfields in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), including Saipan International Airport, Tinian International Airport, Tinian North Field, and Rota International Airport. DAF is the lead agency for the CNMI Airfields Training and Exercises (CATE) EIS and intends to invite the Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority to be cooperating agencies. DAF will consult with, and obtain the comments of, federal agencies that have jurisdiction by law or special expertise related to the environmental analysis.

DATES: A public scoping period of 30 days will take place starting from the date of this NOI publication in the **Federal Register**. DAF requests comments on alternatives, impacts, relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to the Proposed Action. Comments should be submitted in writing to the website or address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section and will be accepted at any time during the EIS process; however, to ensure the DAF has sufficient time to consider public input, please submit within the 30-day scoping period. The Draft EIS is anticipated in Fall 2027 and the Final EIS is anticipated in Summer 2028.

DAF invites the public, stakeholders, and other interested parties to attend the public scoping meetings to be held on the following dates and times.

- November 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., ChST, Saipan
- November 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., ChST—, Tinian
- November 21, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., ChST, Rota

Information that will be provided at the public scoping meetings is available on the project website (www.CATEEIS.com). Attendees of the public scoping meetings will have the

opportunity to submit written comments.

ADDRESSES: The Saipan meeting will be held at Pacific Islands Club, San Antonio, Saipan. The Tinian meeting will be held at Tinian Western Lodge, Marpo Heights, Tinian. The Rota meeting will be held at the Rota Mayor's Office, Tatachok, Rota with potential alternate locations for Rota being the Courthouse or Round House. Addresses for the in-person public scoping meetings listed in the **DATES** section will be published in local newspaper and on the project website a minimum of 15 days prior to the meetings. Written scoping comments can be submitted at an in-person scoping meeting or via the project website www.CATEEIS.com. Scoping comments may also be submitted by email to PACAF.NEPA.CATEEIS@us.af.mil, or by mail to AFIMSC Det 2/CEV, ATTN: CATE EIS, 25 E ST STE C-310, JBP HH, HI 96853.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries regarding accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or questions regarding the Proposed Action, scoping, and EIS development please contact Shawn Williams at PACAF.NEPA.CATEEIS@us.af.mil or by phone at 1 (808) 789-7446.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Proposed Action is to conduct aircraft training and exercises at operable airfields in the CNMI to enhance DAF operational readiness and resiliency by conducting distributed operations across multiple locations within a single U.S. territory. The Proposed Action would enable DAF to test and employ tailorable force packages; exercise movement, sustainment, logistics, and command-and-control functions across multiple locations to replicate the complexity of distributed operations in contingency environments; and strengthen interoperability with joint, allied, and partner forces within the Mariana Islands region. The Proposed Action is needed to improve DAF's ability to conduct distributed operations across multiple locations in a compressed U.S. geographic area in support of the Agile Combat Employment concept and to maintain operational readiness and responsiveness in the Indo-Pacific. DAF requires opportunities to train and exercise personnel, aircraft, and equipment across multiple locations in the CNMI to develop the skills, procedures, and relationships necessary to rapidly maneuver, sustain, and employ forces in a dynamic operational environment. The proposal is based on DAF requirements but could also

support training and exercises involving other Department of Defense services, allies, or partner nations.

The EIS will assess the potential environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, which includes conducting small, medium, and large training and exercise events at CNMI airfields, consisting of up to 1,200 fixed-wing and 320 rotary-wing operations (e.g., takeoffs and landings) per airfield annually. Training and exercise events would be supported by up to 550,000 gallons of fuel per airfield, including fuel receipt, storage and distribution; up to 1,000 personnel per airfield; temporary installation of expeditionary infrastructure and utilities; munitions handling including chaff and flare; support services; and associated pre-and post-training and exercise activities. The Proposed Action does not include construction, creation or modification of airspace, or an increase or change in munitions expenditures beyond those analyzed in previous NEPA documentation. The EIS will also consider Alternative 1 to the Proposed Action, which consists of conducting aircraft operations at an intensity 20 percent greater than the Proposed Action (i.e., up to 1,400 fixed-wing operations and up to 384 rotary-wing operations per airfield annually), and the No Action Alternative.

DAF will pursue all required permits, licenses, and other authorizations for the project including, but not limited to consultations under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, coastal zone consistency under the Coastal Zone Management Act, and Clean Air Act compliance.

(Authority: 42 United States Code 4321, *et seq.*, and Department of War and Department of Air Force National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures.)

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Termination of Environmental Impact Statement for the Orange and Rockland Utilities Transmission Line Upgrade Project, West Point, New York

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of termination.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army (Army) is terminating the preparation of

an EIS addressing the Orange and Rockland Utilities Transmission Line Upgrade project at West Point, New York.

DATES: This termination is effective on the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Guldenzopf, Director for Environmental Compliance and Mission Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, at (703) 459-7756, david.b.guldenzopf.civ@army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army hereby provides notice of termination of the subject EIS, which was initiated by a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on 15 July 2022 (87 FR 42448). The EIS concerned potential environmental impacts associated with real estate transactions and a related utilities infrastructure upgrade at West Point, NY. Accordingly, the EIS initiated on July 15, 2022, is hereby terminated.

Authority: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Department of War NEPA Implementing Procedures, April 30, 2026.

James W. Satterwhite, Jr.,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2026-OS-2344]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (OUSD(I&S)) Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to DCSA, 27130 Telegraph Rd., Quantico, VA 22134, Nicholas Daly, 667-424-3558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Standard Form (SF) 87 Fingerprint Charts; SF 87; OMB Control Number 0705-0002.

Needs and Uses: The SF 87 fingerprint card is utilized to conduct a national criminal history check, which is a component of a background investigation. The SF 87 is completed by applicants who are under consideration for Federal employment; by Federal employees, to determine whether they should be retained in such employment; by individuals being considered to perform work for the Federal Government under a Government contract or to continue such work; and by persons seeking long-term access to Federal facilities and systems. The SF 87 fingerprint chart is used in background investigations to help establish facts required to determine, for example, whether the subject of the investigation should be adjudicated to be eligible for logical and

physical access to Government facilities and systems; suitable or fit for Federal employment; fit to perform work on behalf of the Federal Government under a Government contract; eligible to hold a position that is sensitive for national security reasons; or eligible for access to classified information. The SF 87 form is utilized only when a hardcopy fingerprint chart must be obtained, as opposed to the electronic collection of fingerprints.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,458.

Number of Respondents: 41,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 41,500.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: As required.

Dated: October 23, 2026.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2026-HQ-0529]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division announces the proposed extension of an approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 28, 2026.