

Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1995), which presents testing and evaluation guidance for proposed discharges of dredged material into the waters of the United States within the Great Lakes Basin.

Specific upland disposal sites have not yet been identified for material placement but would include at least one upland disposal site within close vicinity to the channel, as well as upland areas to be used for off loading or dewatering facilities, for temporary placement of material for re-use scenarios.

Beneficial use applications to be explored include, the reconstruction of an eroded island in the Grand River, use of the material for cover or as needed in a landfill operation, use of material in composting/soil mixing, for construction fill, and other land applications.

The final 20 year Dredged Material Management Plan for removal of dredged material from Grand Haven Harbor will include the continued practice of placement of material from the outer harbor to nourish eroding nearby beaches. The plan for 400,000 cubic yards of material to be removed over 20 years from the inner harbor is likely to include a combination of dredged material disposal alternatives. These disposal alternatives will be dependent on a number of factors including, the suitability of the material, the re-use market, economics, and overall environmental acceptability.

Significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts on wetlands, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and cultural resources. Social impacts, including impacts upon recreation, aesthetics, and the local economy, will also be considered.

The proposed dredged material management plan alternatives will be reviewed for compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956; the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958; the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Clean Air Act of 1970; the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972; the Endangered Species Act of 1973; the Water Resources Development Act of 1976; the Clean Water Act of 1977; Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment, May 1971; Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management, May 1977; Executive Order 11990, Wetland Protection, May 1977; and Corps of Engineers, Dept. of the Army, 33 CFR Part 230, Environmental

Quality: Policy and Procedure for Implementing NEPA.

The proposed dredged material management plan will be coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, local and regional Indian tribes, as well as other interested individuals and organizations.

All are invited to participate in the proposed project scoping and review, including Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, organizations and individuals. Questions, concerns, and comments may be directed to the address given above. It is anticipated that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement would be made available in late 1998 for a 45-day public review period. If necessary, a public meeting would be held in the Grand Haven Harbor vicinity following release of the Draft EIS.

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Department of the Navy

Community Redevelopment Authority and Available Surplus Buildings and Land at Military Installations Designated for Closure: Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

SUMMARY: This Notice provides information regarding the redevelopment authority that has been established to plan the reuse of the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, the surplus property that is located at that base closure site, and the timely election by the redevelopment authority to proceed under new procedures set forth in the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994.

ADDRESSES: For further general information, contact John J. Kane, Deputy Division Director, Dept. of Navy, Real Estate Operations, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2300, telephone (703) 325-0474, or Marian E. Digiamarino, Special Assistant for Real Estate, Base Closure Team, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Lester, PA 19113-2090, telephone (610) 595-0762. For more detailed information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (i.e. acreage, floorplan, sanitary

facilities, exact street address, etc.), contact Ron Kohri, Activity Manager, Base Closure Team, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Lester, PA 19113-2090, telephone (610) 595-0519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1993, the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, was designated for closure pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended. Pursuant to this designation, the land and facilities at this installation are declared surplus to the federal government and available for use by (a) non-Federal public agencies pursuant to various statutes which authorize conveyance of property for public projects, and (b) homeless provider groups.

Election to Proceed Under New Statutory Procedures

Subsequently, the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-421) was signed into law. Section 2 of this statute gives the redevelopment authority at base closure sites the option of proceeding under new procedures with regard to the manner in which the redevelopment plan for the base is formulated and how requests are made for future use of the property by homeless assistance providers. On December 23, 1994, the Governor of New Jersey submitted a timely request to proceed under the new procedures. Accordingly, this notice fulfills the Federal Register publication requirement of Section 2(e)(3) of the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994.

Also, pursuant to Section 2905(b)(7)(B) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, the following information regarding the redevelopment authority for and surplus property at the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, NJ is published in the Federal Register.

Redevelopment Authority

The redevelopment authority for the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, for purposes of implementing the provisions of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended, is the City of Perth Amboy, acting by and through its Mayor, Joseph Vas. For further information contact the Office of the Mayor, City of Perth Amboy, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861, telephone number is (908) 826-0290.

Surplus Property Descriptions

The following is a listing of the land and facilities at the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy that are surplus to the federal government.

Land

Approximately 2.43 acres of improved and unimproved fee simple land and approximately 0.05 acre in easements at the U.S. Naval Reserve Center, in the City of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey. In general, all areas are presently available. The station closed on July 1, 1994.

Buildings

The following is a summary of the facilities located on the above described land which are presently available. Property numbers are available on request.

- Administrative/training facilities; (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 29,400 square feet.
- Garage facilities (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 667 square feet.
- Paved areas; Comments: Approx. 3,060 square yards. Parking area, roads and sidewalks.
- General purpose/berthing wharf (1 structure); Comments: Approx. 3,582 square feet.
- Utility facilities; Comments: Measuring systems vary. Sanitary sewer, water distribution line, (potable), electrical distribution line and storm sewer

Expressions of Interest

Pursuant to Section 2905(b)(7)(C) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended by the Base Closure Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance Act of 1994, State and local governments, representatives of the homeless, and other interested parties located in the vicinity of the Naval Reserve Center, Perth Amboy, shall submit to said redevelopment authority (City of Perth Amboy) a notice of interest, of such governments, representatives and parties in the above described surplus property, or any portion thereof. A notice of interest shall describe the need of the government, representative, or party concerned for the desired surplus property. Pursuant to Section 2905(b)(7)(C) and (D), the redevelopment authority shall assist interested parties in evaluating the surplus property for the intended use and publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Perth Amboy, New Jersey the date by which expressions of interest must be submitted.

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Notice of Announcement of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Training in the Marianas, Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

SUMMARY: The U.S. Pacific Command (USCINCPAC) is announcing the public hearing and availability of the above referenced DEIS. The DEIS has been distributed to various federal, territorial, and commonwealth agencies, elected officials, individuals and organizations in the community, public libraries, and the media. A limited number of single copies is available at the address listed at the end of this notice.

The DEIS evaluates alternatives for training by Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Army Reserve forces on Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Farallon de Medinilla. The DEIS describes a large number of training activities already occurring on these islands and a small number of newly proposed activities or newly proposed locations for training. The three alternatives are: (1) No Action, consisting of all ongoing training activities and all locations in which such training have occurred; (2) Augmented Set of Training Activities, consisting of all requested new training activities and locations, in addition to ongoing activities; and (3) Mitigated Set of Training Activities (the preferred alternative), which consists of ongoing and new training activities modified to avoid significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, no significant impacts are expected to result from the preferred alternative.

Introduction of forces existing and proposed training include: aircraft landing at airfields, paratroops of personnel and cargo, helicopter insertion/extraction, and amphibious assaults. Combat training include: Field maneuvers (tactical operations, command post exercises, road and cross-country movement, seizing an airfield, military working dogs), aviation support to ground troops (close air support, field carrier landing practice, confined area landings, cargo delivery, heliborne water buckets for fire-fighting, medical evacuations, search and rescue, night vision goggle training, and various types of parachute operation), and

ordnance training at specific locations (air-to-surface gunnery, naval gunnery, live fire at firing ranges and shooting houses, demolition training at established demolition pits and underwater, and pyrotechnics used during field maneuvers). Combat service support training includes: bivouacs and associated support functions, construction battalion exercises, and logistics support (shipping, staging, inspecting, and maintaining equipment and cargo), forward area refueling).

The proposed action includes: Construction of several facilities (a sniper range and breaching house in the NAVACTS Ordnance Annex; extension of an existing firing range at NAVACTS Waterfront Annex; a small base support camp, firing range, mortar range, and breaching house on Tinian; and installation of various targets on FDM).

The training areas on Guam are military sites (Andersen Air Force Base, NAVACTS Guam Waterfront Annex and Ordnance Annex, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Finegayan and Barrigada), the Ylig and Talofopo Rivers, and a non-military paraprop zone in Dandan. Training areas on Rota consist of the airport, a small area within West Harbor, and a land area at the high school. Training on Tinian occurs within the Military Lease Area, with limited activities in San Jose Harbor. The entire island of Farallon de Medinilla is used as a live fire range.

The public hearings will be conducted by the Navy on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. Government agencies and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearings. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer. To assure accuracy of the record, statements may also be submitted in writing. Both oral and written statements will become part of the public record on this study, with equal weight given to each.

In the interest of available time, speakers will be asked to limit their comments to five minutes. If longer statements are to be presented, they should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written statements must be postmarked by April 1, 1997 to be incorporated in the official record.

DATES: Public hearings to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held at the following times and locations in the northern Mariana islands and Guam: