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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Disposal and Reuse of the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, CT

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 101-510 (as amended), the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Stratford Army Engine Plant.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) evaluates the environmental consequences of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 75 acres.

Alternatives examined in the EIS include encumbered disposal of the property, unencumbered disposal of the property, and no action. Encumbered disposal refers to transfer of conveyance of property having restrictions on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint.

Unencumbered disposal refers to transfer or conveyance of property without encumbrances on subsequent use as a result of any Army-imposed or legal restraint. Under the no action alternative, the Army would not dispose of property but would maintain it in caretaker status for an indefinite period. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities.

DATES: Review period for the FEIS will end 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Final EIS may be obtained by writing to Mr. Joe Hand, Corps of Engineers, Mobile District (ATTN: PD-EC), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile AL 36628-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joe Hand at facsimile (334) 690-2721.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: While disposal of Stratford Army Engine Plant is the Army's primary action, the FEIS also analyzes the impacts of reuse as a secondary action by means of evaluating intensity-based reuse scenarios. The Army's preferred alternative for disposal

of Stratford Army Engine Plant property is encumbered disposal, with encumbrances pertaining to the possible presence of lead-based paint and asbestos-containing material, easements for aviation and public park, groundwater use prohibition, historical resource protection, floodplains obligations, wetlands, land use restrictions and remedial activities and the requirement for a right of reentry for environmental cleanup.

Therefore, based on the analysis found in the FEIS, which will be incorporated in the Record of Decision, it has been determined that no significant environmental or human effects are anticipated from the disposal of the Stratford Army Engine Plant, Stratford, Connecticut.

A public meeting was held at the Council Chambers at Stratford Town Hall on June 4, 1999. Public comments are addressed in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS is available for review at the Stratford Public Library, 2203 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06497.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Enhanced Training and Operations at the National Guard Training Center (NGTC)—Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG), Pennsylvania

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of the Army (DA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is for the preparation of a Draft EIS for proposed actions at the NGTC-FTIG. The proposal includes 11 actions, consisting of 42 component projects, identified in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's (PAARNG's) Range and Training Land Program Plan (RTLPP) and in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's (PAANG's) Master Plan (MP) for NGTC-FTIG. The proposed actions include: Tracked Vehicle Training Complex (TVTC) Projects (8 projects); Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) Projects (2 projects); Artillery Training Support Projects (2 projects); Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC)

Development Project (1 project); Garrison Improvement Projects (5 projects); Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Collection System Project (1 project); Muir Army Airfield (MAAF) Complex Project (8 projects); Air-to-Ground range Projects (4 projects); Regional Equipment Operators Training School (REOTS) Projects (3 projects); Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) Implementation Project (1 project); and Air-Guard Station Projects (7 projects).

The proposed actions are necessary to maintain NGTC-FTIG as an important training asset within the Total Force structure, which includes active and reserve component forces. By implementing the proposed actions, NGTC-FTIG will be better able to meet the specific missions of current military organization users and non-military tenants. Through these actions, the Pennsylvania National Guard (PANG) which includes both the PAARNG and the PAANG, will ensure that NGTC-FTIG will continue to provide the training and support facilities necessary to ensure the installation's long-term viability, sustainability, and value as a major NGB installation. A summary of impact analysis of previously completed EAs will be incorporated into the DEIS.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can furnish written comments or materials to Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Richard Shertzer, NGTC-FTIG EIS Project Officer, Environmental Section, 1119 Utility Road, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002. Commercial telephone number is (717) 861-2548; or to LTC Christopher Cleaver, NGTC-FTIG Public Affairs Officer, PADMVA Headquarters, Building 0-47, Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002. Commercial telephone number is (717) 861-8468.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alternatives to the proposed actions to be analyzed are: Alternative 1, Preferred Project Alternative—under this alternative, the 11 proposed projects identified would be implemented, including a restricted maneuver TVTC, an east-to-west oriented MPRC, and a 6,000-foot military runway. On-going operations would continue, as modified by the proposed action. Alternative 2, Competing Build Alternative—under this alternative, the proposed actions are scaled down or modified versions of some or all of the proposed projects. Alternative 3, No Action Alternative—under this alternative, none of the proposed upgrade or facility construction actions called for in the PAARNG Range and Training Land Program Plan (RTLPP) and the PAANG Master Plan (MP) would be