



NOTICE OF INTENT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



The U.S. Air Force invites you to attend the Public Scoping Meeting for the proposed Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

The U.S. Air Force (Air Force) will host an open house public scoping meeting to discuss the proposal to construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian seaport to Tinian International Airport, to include a booster pump house, a boom storage building, and associated infrastructure at the Tinian seaport. The Air Force also proposes to improve certain existing roads between the Tinian seaport and airport that would be used to support Divert-related projects.

In September 2016, the Air Force completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed December 7, 2016, which announced the Air Force decision to select the Modified Tinian Alternative (Final EIS, Section 2.7, page 2-52) and specifically the North Option (Final EIS, Section 2.5.2, page 2- 28), as a future Divert location. After the ROD was signed in December 2016, the Air Force conducted further evaluation of the fuel requirement and associated infrastructure, including the feasibility of different alternatives that were not considered in the original EIS. The Air Force now proposes to construct a fuel pipeline to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport, and associated infrastructure at the seaport, rather than using fuel trucks for fuel transfer. In addition, recent reconnaissance surveys of the routes proposed for Divert-related vehicles, and coordination with Tinian leadership, indicate the existing surface road network is inadequate to support heavy vehicle traffic required for Divert activities, and is in need of improvements. Therefore, the Air Force also proposes to improve certain existing roads between the Tinian seaport and airport that would be used to support Divert-related projects.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SEIS). Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force will prepare an SEIS, which will assess the potential environmental consequences of the proposed infrastructure improvements on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING. The public is encouraged to attend an “open house” scoping meeting to learn more about the proposal and assist the Air Force in scoping issues to evaluate in the SEIS. The meeting will be arranged in a “come and go” format with no formal Air Force presentation or opportunity for public testimony. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting; your input is valuable and assists the Air Force in making more informed decisions. **Please drop in anytime between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on May 17, 2018 (ChST) at the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria.** A Chamorro/Carolinian interpreter will be available at the scoping meeting to assist with translation of meeting materials and written comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT. The Air Force welcomes comments, suggestions, and relevant information on the proposal. Please submit comments in English at the public scoping meeting, by visiting www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com, or contacting Ms. Melissa Markell at the address below. Address comments to:

Ms. Melissa Markell, AFCEC/CZN
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The Air Force also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800) regarding the identification of or effects on historic properties. If you have comments or would like to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process, please visit the project website or contact Ms. Melissa Markell, AFCEC/CZN at the address above.

To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the Draft SEIS and the Section 106 process, please submit comments by May 31, 2018.

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