



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY:
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**



The U.S. Air Force announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements.

TINIAN DIVERT BACKGROUND. In September 2016, the U.S. Air Force (Air Force) completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises (2016 Divert EIS). The 2016 Divert EIS evaluated the proposal to construct facilities and infrastructure at the Saipan and/or Tinian airports to support cargo, tanker, and similar aircraft and associated support personnel for divert operations, periodic exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on December 7, 2016 and announced the Air Force decision to select the Modified Tinian Alternative North Option (2016 Divert EIS, Section 2.5.2), as a future Divert location. After the ROD was signed, the Air Force conducted further evaluation of fuel transfer methods and associated infrastructure on Tinian, including the feasibility of different alternatives that were not considered in the 2016 Divert EIS.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Air Force has prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that analyzes the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposal to construct and operate a fuel pipeline from the Tinian seaport to Tinian International Airport, to include associated infrastructure at the Tinian seaport. The proposed pipeline would eliminate the need for bulk fuel storage tanks at the Tinian seaport and the need for fuel tanker trucks to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport, both analyzed in the 2016 Divert EIS. The Air Force is considering two alternatives for the pipeline route, an East route and a West route. The Air Force has identified the East route as the Preferred Alternative for the pipeline. The Final SEIS also analyzes the Air Force proposal to improve certain existing roads between the Tinian seaport and airport that would be used to support Divert activities.

OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE FINAL SEIS. In accordance with NEPA and the Air Force regulations for implementing NEPA, the Air Force is making the Final SEIS available to the public. Notification of availability of the Final SEIS has been sent to those on the Tinian Divert project mailing list, and compact discs and hardcopies have been mailed to the document repositories indicated below. However, delays in the mail delivery systems (e.g., U.S. Postal Service and FedEx) could occur due to COVID-19 concerns. For more immediate access to the Final SEIS files, *please visit the project website at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com*, where the Final SEIS files are available for review and download. Document repositories include:

Saipan: Saipan Mayor's Office, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

Tinian: Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Public Library

For further information on the Final SEIS, please:

- Visit the project website at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com where you can download the Final SEIS files or request additional information on the "Comment" tab, or
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