



ARMY TRAINING LAND RETENTION AT PŌHAKULOĀ TRAINING AREA

ARMY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SECOND DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Based on comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Army Training Land Retention at PōhakuĀ Training Area (PTA) on the island of Hawai'i, the Army decided to refine the Proposed Action and alternatives and develop a Second Draft EIS. The Army proposes to retain up to approximately 22,750 acres of State-owned land at PTA. Military training has taken place at PTA since it was established in 1956.

The Army prepared the Second Draft EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), guided by the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA implementing regulations in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500–1508, and Army NEPA implementing regulations in Title 32 CFR Part 651. The EIS also complies with Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 343 and Hawai'i Administrative Rules Chapter 11-200.1, collectively referred to as the Hawai'i Environmental Policy Act (HEPA). Both NEPA and HEPA require government agencies to fully consider the environmental impacts of a proposed action and to take appropriate steps, where necessary, to mitigate potential adverse effects.

REVIEW PROJECT INFORMATION

The public may review the Second Draft EIS and meeting materials on the EIS website: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ptaeis/project-home>. The Second Draft EIS also is available for review at the following libraries:

1. Hawai'i State Library, Hawai'i Documents Center
2. Hilo Public Library
3. Kailua-Kona Public Library
4. Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library

SECOND DRAFT EIS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public meetings for the Second Draft EIS will provide information on alternatives that were analyzed, summarize potential impacts, and provide the public an opportunity to comment. The Second Draft EIS public comment period starts on April 19, 2024 and ends on June 7, 2024. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native Hawaiian organizations; and the public are invited to participate in the Second Draft EIS public meetings and provide comments. The public meetings will be held at the following locations on the following dates and times:

1. Waimea District Park, May 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
2. 'Imiloa Astronomy Center, May 7, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The public may review the meeting materials and will have the option to watch the Second Draft Public Meetings in real time via a live stream that can be accessed on the EIS website at: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ptaeis/project-home>.

OPTIONS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

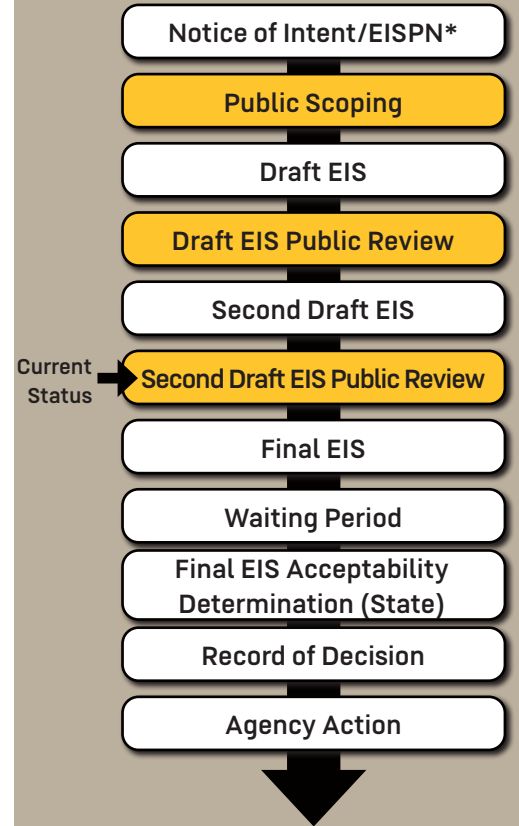
The Second Draft EIS Public Comment period is April 19, 2024 - June 7, 2024.

- ▶ In-person: Attend a public meeting
- ▶ EIS website: <https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ptaeis/project-home>
- ▶ Email: ATLR-PTA-EIS@g70.design
- ▶ Phone: (808) 515-5518 (May 6 and 7 only)
- ▶ Mail: ATLR PTA EIS Comments
P.O. Box 3444
Honolulu, HI 96801-3444

Note: All comments will be reviewed, regardless of how they are submitted. Personal contact information will not be published in the Final EIS. Personal contact information will be maintained for the project record and will not be released unless required by law.

NEPA/HEPA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The NEPA/HEPA process graphic shows opportunities for public input in gold.



Scan with smartphone to be directed to the PTA EIS website.

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