

Army Training Land Retention at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area, and Makua Military Reservation, Island of O'ahu

ARMY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Army is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Army Training Land Retention at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho), and Makua Military Reservation (MMR) on the island of O'ahu. The Army proposes to retain up to approximately 6,300 acres of Stateowned lands at these locations, for which current leases expire in 2029.

The Army is initiating an EIS process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), quided by Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500-1508, and Army NEPA Regulations in Title 32 CFR Part 651. The EIS will also comply 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). Like NEPA, HEPA ensures environmental, economic, and technical areas of concern are given appropriate consideration in decision making.

PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

The public scoping process will help to identify reasonable alternatives, potential impacts, and key issues of concern to be evaluated in the EIS. In this regard, it helps to define the scope of issues and analyses to be addressed in the EIS. Federal, State, and local agencies, Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public are invited to participate in the scoping process. The Army is providing opportunities for public input during the scoping process by facilitating a hybrid in-person/online EIS Scoping Open House consisting of public scoping sessions, subject to COVID-19 limitations.

REVIEW PROJECT INFORMATION

Information provided at the public scoping sessions will be available online at:

https://home.army.mil/hawaii/index.php/OahuEIS.

Hard copies will be available at the public scoping sessions or may be requested from the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Public Affairs Office at usarmy.hawaii.comrel@mail.mil.

EIS PUBLIC SCOPING OPEN HOUSE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this will not be a traditional Open House event, but instead will consist of two hybrid in-person/online public scoping sessions to allow the most public input by the safest means during the allotted time.

Attend a public scoping session or view online presentations and project documents at:

https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ index.php/OahuEIS

August 10 and 11, 2021 6-9 p.m.

Leilehua Golf Course 199 Leilehua Golf Course Rd.. Wahiawa, HI 96786

Live stream available (See website for details)



Scan with smartphone to be directed to the O'ahu EIS website

OPTIONS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comment period is July 23 - September 1, 2021.

- Via public scoping session (written or oral)
- Online at: https://home.army.mil/hawaii/ index.php/OahuEIS
- Via email: usarmy.hawaii.nepa@mail.mil
- Via mail: O'ahu ATLR EIS Comments

P.O. Box 3444

Honolulu. HI 96801-3444

Via phone: August 10 and 11, 4-9 p.m. at (808) 556-8277.

Note: Comment submittal through the online form is preferred. However, all comments will be valued equally, regardless of how they are submitted. Please do not submit duplicate comments. Comments should be written clearly, as commenters will not be contacted to provide clarification. Personal contact information will be maintained for the record and will not be released unless required by law.

NEPA/HEPA STEPS

The timeline below shows



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