

provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the Proposed Action and Alternative and provide an early and open process to assist the DAF in determining the scope of issues for analysis in the EIS, including identifying significant environmental issues and eliminating from further study non-significant issues. Project team members will be available to answer questions and there will also be an opportunity to provide written comments. Scoping meeting notification and scoping materials will be provided in English and Spanish.

The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS is anticipated in the late Fall of 2024 and the NOA for the Final EIS is anticipated in the Summer of 2025. A decision could be made no earlier than 30 days after the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The project website (www.492sow-beddown-eis.com) provides information related to the EIS, such as environmental documents, schedule, and project details, as well as a comment form. Comments may be submitted via the website comment form, emailed to afcec.czn.nepacenter@us.af.mil, or mailed to 492 SOW Beddown EIS, 13397 Lakefront Drive; Suite 100 Earth City, MO 63045. Members of the public who want to receive future mailings informing them of the availability of the Draft EIS and Final EIS are encouraged to submit a comment that includes their name and email or postal mailing address. For other inquiries, please contact Mr. Nick Post, NEPA Project Manager at afcec.czn.nepacenter@us.af.mil or 1-210-925-3516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose for the DAF's Proposed Action is to create co-located AFSOC and ACC units that have the resources required to optimize the DAF special operations and special warfare forces to support the National Defense Strategy (NDS) while maximizing AFSOC's capabilities as a power projection wing that provides United States Special Operations Command and combatant commands specialized airpower against the entire range of threats to the United States and our allies/partners. The need for the proposed action stems from 2023 AFSOC strategic guidance, which aligns with the 2022 NDS. The strategic guidance emphasizes that the AFSOC mission is to enable the joint force by delivering AFSOC mission capabilities across the spectrum of competition and conflict. A new IS, as a geographically separated unit under ACC's 361 ISRG, is needed to continue to provide ACC direct support to the AFSOC mission. As AFSOC aircraft relocate to Davis-

Monthan AFB, Arizona, the ACC cryptologic operators, analysts, and mission support personnel that currently support those aircraft and missions would need to remain co-located. The unique capabilities of the ACC IS would be critical to the success of the 492 SOW mission. This action is needed because the global security environment has fundamentally changed. In response to the changing nature of threats to the United States, AFSOC needs to accelerate transformation to properly prepare, prevent, and prevail against any adversary in today's complex and uncertain operational environment.

The DAF has identified a Proposed Action Alternative and the No Action Alternative to be carried forward for analysis in the EIS. Under the Proposed Action, the DAF would transform the 492 SOW into an AFSOC's PPW at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. This PPW would include the 492 SOW, the 6th and 319th Special Operations Squadrons, an MC-130J squadron, activation of an IS as a geographically separated unit under the ACC 361 ISRG, and Special Tactics and Special Operations Theater Air Operations Squadrons. The Proposed Action would include the construction, renovation and demolition of facilities at Davis-Monthan AFB, as necessary to support the 492 SOW beddown. AFSOC aircrews would use airspace over areas in Southern Arizona and Southern New Mexico including special use airspace. No new special use airspace would be created and there would be no modifications to existing special use airspace as part of the Proposed Action Alternative.

Under the No Action Alternative, the 492 SOW beddown would not occur at Davis-Monthan AFB and there would be no new AFSOC mission personnel or ACC IS personnel at Davis Monthan AFB.

Potential impacts may include impacts to land use, airspace management, safety, noise, hazardous materials and waste, physical resources (including soil and water resources), air quality, transportation, socioeconomic, and environmental justice as well as potential impacts to cultural and biological resources due to ground disturbing activities.

Potential permits that could be required include, but are not limited to, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, General Construction, and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Scoping and Agency Coordination: Consultation will include, but not necessarily be limited to, consultation

under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, to include consultation with federally recognized Native American Tribes. The DAF will determine the scope of the analysis by soliciting comments from interested local, state, and federally elected officials and agencies, federally recognized Native American tribes, as well as interested members of the public. Comments are requested on identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Health Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Health Board (DHB) will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually. To participate in the meeting, see the Meeting Accessibility section for instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Shawn Clausen, 703-275-6060 (voice), shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil (email). Mailing address is 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. Website: <https://www.health.mil/dhb>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: Additional information,

including the agenda, is available on the DHB website, <https://www.health.mil/dhb>. A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the June 4, 2024, meeting will be available on the DHB website. Any other materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained at the meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting: The DHB provides independent advice and recommendations to maximize the safety and quality of, as well as access to, health care for DoD health care beneficiaries. The purpose of the meeting is to provide progress updates on specific tasks before the DHB. In addition, the DHB will receive information briefings on current issues related to military medicine.

Agenda: The DHB anticipates receiving updates from the DHB Public Health Subcommittee's tasking on Effective Public Health Communication Strategies with DoD personnel and the DHB Trauma and Injury Subcommittee's tasking on Prolonged Theater Care. The DHB also anticipates receiving briefings about the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health and the Health of the Force Report.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on June 4, 2024. The meeting will be held by videoconference/teleconference. The number of participants is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to participate must register by emailing their name, rank/title, and organization/company to dha.dhb@health.mil or by contacting Dr. Clarice Waters at (703) 275–6003 no later than Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Once registered, participant access information will be provided.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Dr. Clarice Waters at (703) 275–6003 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Any member of the public wishing to provide comments to the DHB related to its current taskings or mission may do so at any time in accordance with section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and the procedures described in this notice. Written statements may be submitted to the DHB's Designated Federal Officer (DFO), CAPT Clausen, at shawn.s.clausen.mil@health.mil.

Supporting documentation may also be included, to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information. If

the written statement is not received at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the DFO may choose to postpone consideration of the statement until the next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DHB President and ensure they are provided to members of the DHB before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the President and the DFO may choose to invite the submitter to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

Dated: May 6, 2024.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Pacific Missile Range Facility and Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory Real Estate

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DON), Department of Defense (DoD), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (DON) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the DON and NASA announce their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the continued long-term DoD use of 8,348 acres of State lands on Kauai, Hawaii for operational continuity and sustainment (in support of continued military training, testing, and facility operations) at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF), and the continued long-term NASA use of 23 acres of State lands on Kauai, Hawaii in support of continued operations (including measurements of the Earth's rotation and local land motion) at Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO).

DATES: The 40-day public scoping period begins on May 8, 2024, and extends to June 17, 2024. Comments must be postmarked or submitted

electronically via the project website no later than 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) on June 17, 2024 for consideration in the Draft EIS. Public scoping meetings are planned as follows:

- June 4, 2024, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. HST at Kaua'i Veterans Center, 3215 Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Highway, Lihu'e
- June 5, 2024, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. HST at Kekaha Neighborhood Center, 8130 Elepaio Road, Kekaha
- June 6, 2024, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. HST at Sheraton Coconut Beach Resort, 650 Aleka Loop, Kapa'a

The purpose of the scoping period is to provide the public with information related to the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, environmental resources to be analyzed in the EIS, the NEPA and HEPA process, consultation under NHPA, and public involvement opportunities. The DON and NASA are providing a web-based platform, as well as public scoping meetings for the public to learn about the Proposed Action and alternatives and to provide scoping comments. Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically via the website no later than 11:59 p.m. HST on June 17, 2024 for consideration in the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: The DON and NASA invite all interested parties to submit scoping comments on the EIS or information regarding historic properties or Section 106 consulting party interest through the project website at <http://www.PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com> or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawaii, Environmental OPHEV2, Attention: PMRF and KPGO RE EIS Project Manager, Ms. Kerry Wells, 400 Marshall Road, Building X–11, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

DON: Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, Attn: Mr. Danny Hayes, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist, by telephone (808–473–0662) or email (danny.r.bxhayes6.civ@us.navy.mil).

NASA: Shari A. Miller, NASA; EIS Project Manager, by telephone (757–824–2327) or email (Shari.A.Miller@nasa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As the proposed action involves State lands, the EIS will be a joint NEPA, Hawaii Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) (as governed by Hawaii Revised Statutes [HRS] chapter 343), and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) section 11–200.1 (implementing HRS chapter 343) document; therefore, the public scoping processes will run concurrently and will jointly meet NEPA and HEPA