

## Comments Received as of August 4, 2014 for MILCON Project P-240 PA Memo #1

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Name	Comment
Perez, S.	<p data-bbox="315 365 1896 576">First of all, my primary concern is the process of engaging the public on DOD proposed projects has been minimal and elusive. Access to information is left up to those citizens or officials who know how to access the PSAs regarding proposed projects that have significant impacts to our island and our historic properties. It is essential that an adequate information campaign be provided in a language that is understandable to the general public. Moreover, the length of commentary period is not adequate. Extension, in addition to an adequate public information campaign, must be given to ensure a well-informed citizenry of projects that could and often have irreversible impacts to our historical sites.</p> <p data-bbox="315 617 1896 682">Secondly, the process of the identification of historic sites needs more transparency, regarding the experts who are being contracted, the residents who provide oral histories of potential historic sites.</p> <p data-bbox="315 722 1896 820">Thirdly, the manner in which the proposed projects are dealt in piecemeal does not provide a sense of the cumulative impacts of the combined military-build up projects as a whole. It is imperative that this process includes studies on the cumulative impacts to our historic sites.</p> <p data-bbox="315 860 1896 998">Fourth, the proposed project includes exploratory drilling of 5 to 110 feet. Is 110 feet excessive for a 1-story building? This calls into question what other purposes for which the drilling is designed? Will the amount of digging impact the surrounding ecosystem that supports the culturally significant trees and habitat, in which our cultural practitioners require for the perpetuation of our culture?</p> <p data-bbox="315 1039 1896 1144">Fifth, the construction of an armory and equipment wash rack implies possible contamination of our sole source Northern Guam Lens Aquifer that supplies about 90% of the population with drinking water. Harm to our health can constitute as injury to our culture by harming those that perpetuate it.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1185 1896 1250">Sixth, it would be important to determine if there are burial sites or cultural artifacts are buried underneath the WWII-era runway complex that is identified as a historic site.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1291 1896 1356">Lastly, the online site for commenting does not appear user friendly. Please take steps to effectively obtain public comments as is required by law.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1396 1896 1429">Thank you and I look forward to your response.</p>