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MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO

Project : P-204/P-204A Apra Harbor Wharf Improvements, Increments 1 and 2	Date: March 14, 2011
Project Location : Apra Harbor, Navy Main Base	Prepared By: EV23PJC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project proposes infrastructure and utility improvements for Uniform Berths U1 and U2 and Tango Berths T1 through T3. Apra Harbor is located within the bounds of the 4,500 acre Navy Main Base on the west-central coast of Guam. The entire Apra Harbor area was extensively destroyed during World War II and in restoration after the war, whereby it is now comprised primarily of fill material dredged from Apra Harbor.

Project works include an access road, wharf strengthening, wharf pavement, partial replacement of the bilge oily waste transfer, sewer, storm drain, steam, potable and de-mineralized water, compressed air, electric power, communications and ship fendering systems to better facilitate cold iron berthing for extended transient ships, such as the Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) and its combatant escort ships.

The area of potential effect (APE) for P-204 is 97.32 acres (see Figures 1 and 2).

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) has conducted extensive archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, and, in consultation with the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and some Concurring Parties, we have applied the results to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam and Tinian subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

In addition to the archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *donni sali*, *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dukduk*, and *ifit* trees, and

medicinal plants.

More specifically, the P-204/P-204A project footprint was included one or more of the following studies of cultural and/or historic resources conducted in support of or in addition to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the DoD beginning in 2007:

Athens, J. Stephen

2009 Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement, Volume I: Guam. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 07.

Dixon, Boyd, Sam Walker and Mike T. Carson

2009 Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Draft Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2008-2009. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 07.

Mason Architects, Inc. and Weitze Research

2010 Cold War Historic Context and Architectural Inventory for Naval Base Guam: Main Base, Piti Power Station, Drydock Island and Polaris Point. Prepared for the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific and Commander Navy Region Marianas. Contract N62742-04-D-1855.

Welch, David J.

2010 Final Archaeological Surveys and Cultural Resources Studies Conducted in 2007 on the Island of Guam in Support of the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement; Volume I: Narrative. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 10.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

Considering the information contained in the "Programmatic Agreement Among the Department of Defense, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Guam State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Military Relocation to the Islands of Guam and Tinian" dated March 9, 2011, the Navy has determined that this project will have no effect on historic properties and does not require further review under the National Historic Preservation Act.

This memo is to be retained as an administrative record of this finding.

AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION PLAN:

No historic properties are present within APE for Project P-204/P-204A. However, should an inadvertent discovery be made, as per Stipulation VI.F. of the PA, DoD will retain a full-time Archaeologist throughout the life of the construction program of this

Undertaking to provide site checks, oversee coordination and execution of the archaeological mitigation measures in the PA and to provide quality control. This person shall support the CJRM in responding to and reporting of any inadvertent discoveries to the Signatories, Invited Signatories, and Concurring Parties per Stipulation XII of the PA.



