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MILITARY RELOCATION TO GUAM AND CNMI PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA) MEMO #1

Project: P-290 Design and Construction of Earth Covered Magazines and Ordnance Pads

Date: May 9, 2017

Project Location: Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

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PROJECT SUMMARY

This project proposes to construct twelve earth covered magazines and two ordnance pads. The project is identified in Appendix E of 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* (2011 PA). This Programmatic Agreement Memorandum (PA Memo) includes both design and construction phases of the project. Pursuant to Stipulation V.B., this PA Memo presents information to allow interested members of the public to provide comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), as well as the DoD's determination of effect.

The P-290 earth covered magazines construction is in fulfillment of support facilities and infrastructure requirements identified for reduction of explosives safety risks from military munitions. Andersen Air Force Base is located within the village of Yigo. Project design works may include vegetation clearance, topographic and geotechnical work, and remediation efforts for Unexploded Ordnance/Munitions and Explosives of Concern. Project construction works include clearing and grubbing, sediment and erosion control measures, paving, installation of security fencing, concrete work, and electrical and mechanical utilities.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project plans to construct the earth covered magazines on Andersen Air Force Base, located on the Northern Plateau of Guam. Specifically, the project will occur at the Munitions Storage Area 1 (MSA 1) located south of Northwest Field. Figure 1 depicts the Area of Potential effects (APE) for this project. The area consists largely of secondary growth native limestone forest species on an undulating terrain. Some of the traditional Chamorro place names in this vicinity are Fafalog and Caiguat. The APE measures 20.35 hectares (50.3 acres).

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

There are primary and supporting tasks associated with this project:

Primary Tasks

The project proposes to construct twelve earth covered magazines of reinforced concrete capable of storing a specified quantity of munitions, two partially covered ordnance pad with lightning protection, grounding system, and electrical service to function as an ammunition work and overhaul shop. The two ordnance pads will be concrete slabs-on-grade, partially covered with a roof overhang constructed of reinforced concrete roof slabs supported by reinforced concrete beams, columns and foundations.

Supporting Tasks

Project preparation would include vegetation clearing and grubbing, topographic and geotechnical work, temporary sediment and erosion controls, earthwork for earth berm construction, and sediment removal. In addition, the project would also require paving, road resurfacing, construction of concrete aprons, installation of security fencing and gates, landscaping and demolition. Infrastructure for electrical utilities includes primary and secondary distribution systems, transformers, and communication ductbanks. Mechanical utilities include foundation wall drains, shallow depressions and swales for storm water. The project work will also require soil testing, remediation, and mitigation for Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)/Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC).

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Scope of DoD Identification Efforts

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. In consultation with the Guam SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and Concurring Parties to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (2011 PA), the DoD has applied the results of those identification efforts to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties to the extent practical. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the 2011 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 subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking.

More specifically, the entirety of the P-290 APE has been subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR §800.4(b)(1), which may include background

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research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation and field survey. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts in the vicinity of, and including the P-290 APE can be found in the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources:

Athens, J.S.

2009 *Final 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 by International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Davis, R.

1983 *Andersen Air Force Base Central Reconnaissance Survey*. Government of Guam Department of Parks and Recreation. MS on file at Andersen AFB, 36CVS/CVN, Guam.

DeFant, D. and R. Leon Guerrero

2006 *Archaeological Survey of Seven Parcels within the Munitions Storage Area, Andersen Air Force Base, Island of Guam*. Prepared for Department of the Navy, Pacific Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Dixon, B. and S. Walker

2011 *Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted in the Territory of Guam Supporting the Joint Guam Build-Up Environmental Impact Statement: Final Archaeological Surveys on Guam 2009 at Proposed Utility Sites, Harmon Property, and Andersen AFB*. Prepared by for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division, by TEC Inc.

Hokanson, J., D. Kilby, M. Church, and R. McCurdy

2007 (GIS data labeled 2008) *Cultural Resources Survey for a Perimeter Fence and Portions of the Munitions Storage Area, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam*. Engineering-Environmental Management, Inc. Denver. Colorado.

Hunter-Anderson, R.

2003 *Final Report on a Cultural Resource Survey of the Proposed On-Base Water System at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam*. Prepared for MWH Americas, Inc. by Micronesian Archaeological Research Services. 16 July.

Hunter-Anderson, R. and D. Moore

2003 *Cultural Resources Snake Barrier Concept, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam*. Micronesian Archaeological Research Services, Guam. May.

Mason Architects, Inc.

2004 *Historic Building and Associated Landscape/Viewsheds Inventory and Evaluation for*

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Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 2004 Update. Prepared for Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, by Mason Architects, Inc., Honolulu.

Mohlman, G.

2015 (GIS data labeled 2013) *Final Report Historic Inventory Survey Andersen Air Force Base, Territory of Guam.* Prepared for NAVFAC Marianas by Southeastern Archaeological Research, Inc. March.

Welch, D.

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 and Volume II: Site Descriptions.* Prepared for Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i under Contract N62742-06-D-1870, Task Order 10 to TEC, Inc. Joint Venture.

Yee, S.L., D.J. Welch, and J. Allen

2004 *Archaeological Overview Survey Report for Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.* Prepared for Earth Tech, Inc., Honolulu, and 36 CES/CEVN, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam by International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., Honolulu, HI.

Results of the above identification efforts indicate that while there are several historic properties in the vicinity of the APE, there are only two historic properties that are located within the P-290 APE:

Site T-9-1 (temporary number) is a Latte Period artifact scatter containing ceramics and lithics. The site measures approximately 20 meters (m) (65.6 feet (ft)) long by 15 m (49.2 ft) wide with an irregular shape, oriented roughly northwest/southeast. Although the site is listed in poor condition, it is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion D.

Site T-9-2 (temporary number) is an artifact scatter with both Latte Period and Second American Administration Territorial components. The site measures approximately 30 m (98.4 ft) long by 10 m wide. In addition, 1944 and 1946 air photos indicate a farmstead (*lancho*) was located in this area, as evidenced by vegetation present. Although the site exhibits partial disturbance from mechanical equipment (push pile) and is listed in poor condition, it is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion D.

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Pending input from parties to the PA and the public, the DoD has determined that two sites within the P-290 APE, T-9-1 and T-9-2, are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D due to their potential to yield information important to prehistory or history.

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DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:

The DoD has determined that the proposed project will have an adverse effect on the two historic properties (T-9-1 and T-9-2). Upon closure of the 45 day comment period for this PA Memo, the DoD will provide an opportunity for the Guam SHPO, other parties to the PA, and the public to comment on its plan for resolving this effect in the form of a second PA Memo and additional 45 day comment period.



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FIGURE 1

**AAFB
Munitions
Operations
& Storage**

Andersen AFB

**P-290 ECMs
(Earth Covered Magazines)
Figure - 1**

-  DoD Property
-  P-290 Area of Potential Effects (APE)



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Coordinate System: UTM Zone 55 North
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: D WGS 84

P-290 APE = 20.35 hectares (50.3 acres)



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PROJECT: Earth Covered Magazines (MSA)

SUBJECT: PA Memo #1, Determination of Effect and DoD's Plan for Resolution

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