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

Project: J-001 Utilities and Site Improvements, Phase 1 (GoJ)	Date: March 28, 2011
Project Location: Apra Harbor	Prepared By: EV23PJC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	
<p>This project proposes seismic fault, geotechnical/geophysical and topographic surveys in preparation for, and utilities and site improvements at, Apra Harbor on the island of Guam.</p> <p>Project works include munitions explosive clearance of select areas, mass grubbing and grading, and construction of mechanical/civil utility and electrical power infrastructures to build up the first phase of the infrastructure required for the military relocation to Guam. Potable water, sewer, road network, communication ducts and electrical power will also be constructed under this project.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The APE for J-001 at Apra Harbor is 97.3 acres (see Figure 1).</p>	
IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:	
<p>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).</p> <p>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</p>	

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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 J-001 Apra Harbor project footprint was included in one or more of the following studies of cultural and/or historic resources conducted in support of 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.

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.

No historic properties are located within the J-001 Apra Harbor project footprint.

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.

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AVOIDANCE AND MITIGATION PLAN:

No historic properties are present within APE for Project J-001 at Apra Harbor.

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.

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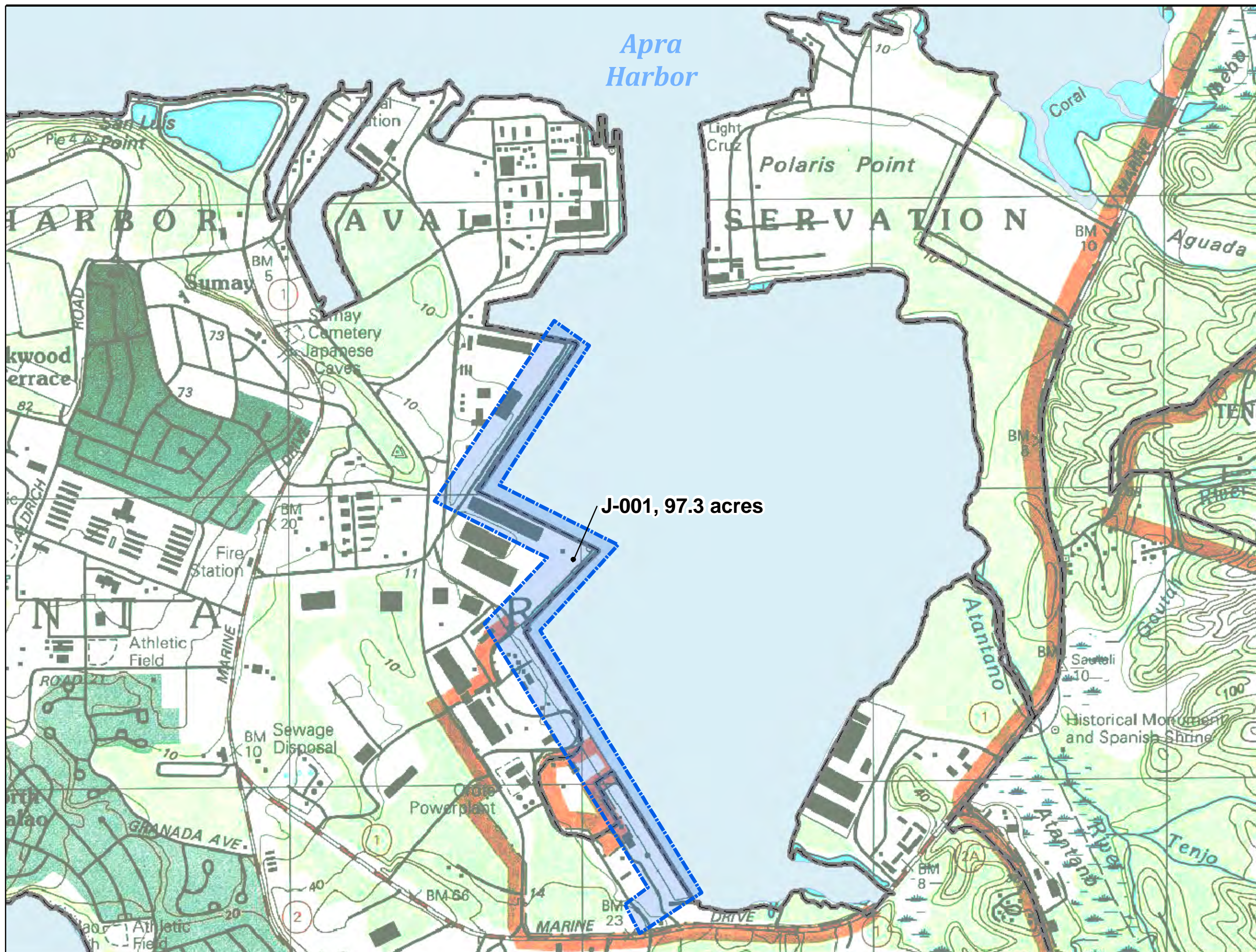
Figure 1

J-001 GOJ U&SI Phase 1, Apra Harbor

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Legend

 Impact Footprint (J-001)



J-001, 97.3 acres

