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*Information Briefing on the Final Environmental
Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Proposed Relocation
of Marines and Other Military Activity from Okinawa to
Guahan*

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Summary Assessment of Military Build-up Construction and JGPO DEIS

- Overwhelms Port Cargo Handling Capacity
- Taxes Port Infrastructure and Equipment
- Impacts Port Support to Neighboring Islands
- Increases Pollution in Non-Attainment Zone
- Incorrectly Describes Port Modernization Plans
- Fails to Address Cumulative Impacts
- Identifies No Mitigation Plan for Impacts
- Conclusion: Fails the NEPA Test



Overwhelms Port Cargo Handling Capacity

- Requires More Break-bulk Capacity
- Requires More Container Cargo Capacity
- Requires More Customs/Security and Biohazard Checks
- Creates Need For Automated Gate and Terminal Operating Systems
- Creates Need For More Ground Surface
- Interferes with Urgent M&R Plans
- Forces site reconfiguration and expansion and relocation of non-cargo operations and tenants



Taxes Port Infrastructure And Equipment

- Port's Existing Wharf Structure Is In Need of Significant Repairs
- Port Has Two Quay Cranes In Need of Replacement
- Port Has Aging and Undersized Fleet of Cargo Handling Equipment
- Repair and Improvements Are Required For Site Pavements and Utilities Systems
- Increased operational wear and tear will accelerate current deterioration



Impacts Port Support to Neighboring Islands

- Port is a Transshipment Hub: What Impacts Guam Impacts the Neighboring Islands
- There will be competition for temporary ground storage of Containerized Cargo
- There will be competing vessel calls at the Port and potential Queues In Apra Harbor When Traffic Gets Too High
- Without Gate and Terminal Operating Systems, Tracking and Processing of All Cargo will become more inefficient
- All cargo throughput will be impacted



Increases Pollution in Non-Attainment Zone

- Due to Proximate Location of Guam Power Plant, the Port is in a Non-Attainment Zone for SO_x, NO_x
- JGPO DEIS Calls For Power Plant Expansion
- Increased cargo at Port will lead to more truck traffic and engine exhaust pollutants
- New Gate and Terminal Operating Systems and Site Reconfiguration Could
 - allow for scheduled truck arrivals with reduced peaks for traffic queues, idling pollution
 - Reduced congestion within the terminal



Incorrectly Describes Port Modernization Plans

- Refers Back to 2007 Master Plan Update Which was Restructured During Legislative Hearings and When Pursuing ARRA Grants
- Sites a Dredge Spoil Dewatering Facility on Port Property Identified For An Expanded Gate Complex, Container Yard, Potential Weigh-In-Motion Facilities, and Potential Helipad in support of Strategic Port Initiative
- Ignores Port's evolving Terminal Development and Operations Plan
- Ignores that Port Program can not occur without funding support.



Fails to Address Cumulative Impacts

- Incorrect Port Modernization Plans
- Pollution Impacts of Power Plant Expansion and Increased Traffic on Route 11
- Combined Traffic Impacts For Route 11 Strengthening and Port Traffic Increases
- Competition for Construction Resources
- Impact on aquatic resources for JGPO Dredging, Port Dredging, Port Stormwater System Changes, Port Bulkhead Repair Project



Identifies No Mitigation Plan For Impacts

- Ignores that APRA Harbor Dredging For Aircraft Carrier will create Vessel Traffic Impacts for Port and recreation in Harbor.
- Ignores stated operations, facilities, equipment, hazardous materials management, contaminated cargo (safety), and pollution impacts at Port.
- Ignores socioeconomic impacts of increased Port employment, higher cost of operations, and competition for construction workforce and equipment.
- Does not state that mitigation is required. Does not warrant that mitigation will occur. Makes no mention of the Federal Funding needed to Mitigate Impacts to Environment and Port.



FEIS Response: Cargo Forecasts

- Acknowledges substandard conditions
- Limited DoD ability to fund actions per federal law
- 2010 Defense Appropriations measure for \$50 million to DOT for PAG Phase I-A improvements



FEIS Response: Invasive Species

- Department of the Navy developing comprehensive Micronesia Biosecurity Plan (MBP) for regional risks including Marine Corps and Navy action on Guam and Tinian
- Other federal agencies involved: National Invasive Species Council, USDA; Plant Health Inspection Service, USGS; Smithsonian Environmental Research Center



FEIS Response: Traffic Implications

- Route 11 and 1 intersection, bridge replacement - high priority
- Completion scheduled prior to buildup peak
- Coordination with Federal Highways Administration to minimize disruption to commercial and construction related movements in/out of the Port.



FEIS Response: Air Quality

- New Cabras Island power plant part of long term plan.
- Port improvements expected to reduce dwell time/emission from vessels and terminal operations.



FEIS response: Contaminated Materials/Hazardous wastes

- Implementation of laws, regulations, via established procedures, protocols, and directives.



Civil Military Coordination Council

- PAG is actively seeking participation on the CMCC, in coordination with JGPO
- PAG's designation as a CMCC member to be stated in the Record of Decision



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