

project will be located on Fort Hood Military Reservation, or Federal land, the Department of the Army is the lead agency.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fort Hood Military Reservation occupies 214,778 acres in central Texas in Bell and Coryell Counties. It is 58 miles north of Austin, TX, and 39 miles southwest of Waco, TX, and lies adjacent to the City of Killeen, TX. The installation has three cantonment areas (designated Main Cantonment Area, West Fort Hood, and North Fort Hood) on 8,604 acres, two instrumented airfields on 2,915 acres, and maneuver and live-fire training areas on 197,603 acres.

In 1999, Fort Hood and the City of Killeen (City) completed negotiations for a joint-use agreement that allowed the City to lease property southeast of Robert Gray Army Airfield and allow civilian access to Fort Hood's 10,000 ft runway. The resulting Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport began commercial operations on August 2, 2004. It is a small, regional/commercial joint-use airport also known by its military designation as Robert Gray Army Airfield. The airport is within the boundaries of the Fort Hood Military Reservation and is located a few miles southwest of the City of Killeen. The joint-use airport operates with a single runway.

The EIS will analyze the impacts of all practicable alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. Impacts analyzed in the EIS will include a wide range of environmental resource areas including, but not limited to, air quality, traffic, noise, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, utilities, land use, solid and hazardous materials/waste, and cumulative environmental effects. Additional resources, conditions, and alternatives may be identified as a result of the scoping process initiated by this NOI.

Opportunities for public participation will be announced in the local news media, on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.killeen.tx.us>, and on Fort Hood's Web site <http://www.dpw.hood.army.mil>, click on "Public Notices" link. The City will host public scoping meetings in the vicinity of the proposed project. Previously identified alternatives will be displayed at those meetings, while public input may determine other

alternatives. The exact dates, times, and location(s) of public scoping meetings will be announced through the local news media, including, but not limited to local newspapers. Oral and written comments presented at the public scoping meetings, as well as written comments received by the City during this scoping period and throughout the environmental impact analysis process, will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. Following completion of a Draft EIS (DEIS), the public will have an additional opportunity for review and comment. Comments from the public will be considered before any decision is made regarding implementing the proposed action at the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Disposal and Reuse of Naval Air Station (NAS) Brunswick, ME, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the disposal and reuse of NAS Brunswick, Maine, per Public Law 101-510, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended in 2005 (BRAC Law). Potential impacts associated with reuse of NAS Brunswick, including changes in aviation, housing, school system, traffic patterns, and environmental remediation will be evaluated and will contribute to the alternatives considered.

DATES: The DON will conduct public scoping meetings in Brunswick, Cumberland County, Maine, to receive comments on the environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Public scoping open houses will be as follows:

1. *Open House:* Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.,

Brunswick Junior High School, Gymnasium, 65 Columbia Avenue, Brunswick, Maine.

2. *Open House:* Thursday, November 13, 2008, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Brunswick Municipal Meeting Facility (Old High School), 44 McKeen Street, Brunswick, Maine.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Director, BRAC Program Management Office Northeast, 4911 Broad Street, Building 679, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303, *telephone:* 215-897-4900, *fax:* 215-897-4902, *e-mail:* david.drozd@navy.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission was established by Public Law 101-510, the BRAC Law, to recommend military installations for realignment and closure. Recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission were included in a report presented to the President on September 8, 2005. The President approved and forwarded this report to Congress on September 16, 2005, which became effective as public law on November 9, 2005, and must be implemented in accordance with the requirements of the BRAC Law.

The BRAC Law exempts the decision-making process of the Commission from the provisions of NEPA. The Law also relieves the DoD from the NEPA requirements to consider the need for closing, realigning, or transferring functions, and from looking at alternative installations to close or realign. The DON is preparing environmental impact analyses during the process of relocating functions from military installations being closed or realigned to other military installations after the receiving installations have been selected, but before the functions are relocated. The analyses will consider direct and indirect environmental and socioeconomic impacts of these actions and cumulative impacts of other reasonably foreseeable actions affecting the receiving installations.

The BRAC recommendation for closure of NAS Brunswick is as follows: Close NAS Brunswick, Maine; relocate its aircraft along with dedicated personnel, equipment, and support to NAS Jacksonville, Florida; and consolidate the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department with the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, Jacksonville, Florida.

NAS Brunswick is a 3,162-acre air installation located in Brunswick, Maine. Outlying facilities that are part of the BRAC recommendation include the Topsham Annex, McKeen Street

Housing Annex, East Brunswick Radio Transmitter Site, and the Sabino Hill and Small Point Rake Stations. A separate redevelopment plan has been prepared for the Topsham Annex and by separate action, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to address probable impacts of the proposed reuse. Sabino Hill will revert to the previous landowner. As such, these facilities will not be evaluated in this EIS.

The proposed action for this EIS is to provide for the disposal of NAS Brunswick and its excess properties by the Navy and its reuse by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA) in a manner consistent with the Brunswick Naval Air Station Reuse Master Plan (Reuse Plan) prepared by the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA). The plan will be implemented by MRRA.

The EIS will consider the alternatives that are reasonable to accomplish the proposed action. Alternatives to be considered include: (1) Disposal of the property by the Navy and reuse by MRRA in a manner consistent with the Brunswick Naval Air Station Master Reuse Plan; (2) disposal of the property by the Navy and reuse by MRRA in accordance with a high-density reuse scenario; and (3) no action, with the Navy closing NAS Brunswick and placing it in caretaker status.

Alternative 1 includes the disposal of NAS Brunswick and its excess properties by the Navy and its reuse in a manner consistent with the Reuse Plan. The Plan provides a mix of land uses based on existing conditions on the installation and in the community, guiding principles for development established by the LRA, and public participation. This alternative would maintain the existing airfield for private aviation purposes. It is anticipated that full build-out of the Plan would be implemented over a 20-year period. The Reuse Plan calls for the development of approximately 1,630 acres (51%) of the total base property.

In addition, approximately 1,570 acres (49%) of the base would be dedicated to a variety of active and passive land uses, including recreation, open space, and natural areas. The plan reuses the existing airfield and its supporting infrastructure, provides a mix of land use types and densities, and preserves open space and natural areas. The plan also incorporates elements based on smart-growth principles, including pedestrian-friendly transportation features (e.g., walkable neighborhoods, bike lanes, and compact development), open spaces, and a mix of land use types.

Alternative 2 includes the disposal of NAS Brunswick and its excess properties by the Navy and its reuse in a manner that features a higher density of residential and community mixed-use development and does not include reuse of the airfield. Similar to Alternative 1, this alternative includes a mix of land use types, preserves open space and natural areas, and incorporates elements based on smart-growth principles, including pedestrian-friendly transportation and compact development. It is anticipated that full build-out of the high-density scenario would be implemented over a 20-year period.

The Reuse Plan calls for the development of approximately 1,580 acres (49%) of the total base property. In addition, approximately 1,620 acres (51%) of the base would be dedicated to a variety of active and passive land uses, including recreation, open space, and natural areas. Although this alternative would have less developable acres than the preferred alternative, the density of residential and community mixed-uses would be higher.

Alternative 3 is required by NEPA and will evaluate the impacts at NAS Brunswick in the event that the property is not disposed. Under this alternative, existing mission and support operations would be relocated; however, the installation would be retained by the U.S. government in caretaker status. No reuse or redevelopment would occur at the facility. The installation would be placed in caretaker status.

The EIS will address potential direct, indirect, short-term, long-term, and cumulative impacts on the human and natural environments, including potential impacts on topography, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, air quality, noise, infrastructure and utilities, traffic, cultural resource, land use, socioeconomic, environmental justice, and waste management. Known areas of concern associated with the BRAC action include impacts on socioeconomic due to loss of the military and civilian workforce, impacts on local housing market and school system, impacts on local traffic patterns resulting from reuse scenarios, and the clean-up of installation remediation sites.

The DON is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Agencies and the public are encouraged to provide written comments at scheduled public scoping meetings. Comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address. Written

comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight November 28, 2008, and should be sent to: Director, BRAC Program Management Office Northeast, 4911 Broad Street, Building 679, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303, telephone: 215-897-4900, fax: 215-897-4902, e-mail: david.drozd@navy.mil.

Requests for special assistance, sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired, language interpreters, or other auxiliary aids for scheduled public scoping meeting must be sent by mail or e-mail to Mr. Ron Bochenek, Ecology and Environment, Inc., 368 Pleasant View Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086, telephone: 716-684-8060, e-mail: rbochenek@ene.com.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]". Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information