

## Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Joint Military Training







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# WASTEWATER ANALYSIS IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS JOINT MILITARY TRAINING REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT



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#### 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this evaluation is to identify existing conditions and estimate the wastewater to be generated with the Proposed Action analyzed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This assessment evaluates existing wastewater facilities and wastewater treatment facilities resulting from the Proposed Action.

#### 1.1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

#### 1.1.1 Base Camp

The Proposed Action includes construction of a Base Camp at the United States (U.S.) Agency for Global Media (USAGM) site on Tinian. As envisioned, Administration, Range Control, and Training Support functions proposed in the Base Camp would use the existing operation and administration building, and warehouse requirements would be partially met with the existing warehouse facilities. Other previously disturbed, cleared areas within the site would accommodate other proposed Base Camp new construction needs. Wastewater infrastructure would be constructed at the Base Camp as described in the subsequent sections.

The USAGM site does not appear to be within either a Class I or II Aquifer Recharge Area/Groundwater Protection Zone on Tinian (Captain B. Bearden, U.S. Public Health Service, Personal Communication, March 3, 2025). No changes in wastewater infrastructure are proposed for the USAGM site on Saipan.

#### 1.1.2 Port of Tinian

A biosecurity facility is proposed to be constructed at the Port of Tinian. Military vehicles would be washed there after training is complete and prior to loading on vessels for transport off-island. The wash facility would be a contained concrete facility where multiple vehicles can be washed simultaneously using permanently mounted cleaning equipment. Wash water would be contained and not discharged. Wash water would be pumped out and disposed of per CNMI regulations as described in the subsequent sections below. No wastewater infrastructure is proposed at the Port of Tinian.

#### 1.1.3 Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport

The Proposed Action includes construction of an aircraft shelter to be located at Tinian Divert facility at the Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport. The shelter would be sized and constructed to provide protection for aircraft from inclement weather, including typhoon force winds. No wastewater infrastructure is proposed at the aircraft shelter.

#### 1.1.4 Other Facilities

The Proposed Action includes construction of various other facilities including ranges, landing zones, and a drop zone. No wastewater infrastructure is proposed for any of these facilities. Portable toilets may be placed temporarily as required for construction, operation, or training activities.

#### 1.2 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WASTEWATER REGULATIONS

The Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code defines two different types of wastewater treatment systems (Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code 2017a). The first type is an Individual Wastewater Disposal System, which consists of a septic tank and leach field. An Individual Wastewater Disposal System is typically used for a single residence or business. The second type is an Other Wastewater Treatment System, which includes all treatment methods other than a septic tank.

#### 1.2.1 Individual Wastewater Disposal System Regulations

The following is a summary of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code as it pertains to Individual Wastewater Disposal System design:

- Average daily wastewater flow rates are calculated per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-500.
- Septic tank sizing and design are determined per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-600.
- Percolation testing is required per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-700.
- Leaching field sizing and design are determined per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-800.

#### 1.2.2 Other Wastewater Treatment System Regulations

CNMI regulations require construction and operation of an Other Wastewater Treatment System for average daily wastewater flows greater than 5,000 gallons per day (Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-110). These regulations also state the maximum discharge limits for various effluent constituents, including a total nitrogen limit of 1.0 milligrams per liter (Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-010). Total nitrogen is removed from wastewater by using bacteria that digest the various forms of nitrogen (e.g., nitrate and nitrite).

#### 1.3 EXISTING WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

#### 1.3.1 Existing Individual Wastewater Disposal System Infrastructure

Various Public and Private Systems

Tinian has no centralized municipal wastewater collection and treatment system. Residences, businesses, and municipal facilities use Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems that consist of a septic tank and leach field. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has awarded a contract to an engineering consultant to prepare a preliminary engineering report for a wastewater treatment plant (Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Personal Communication, September 12, 2024). Until such a system is funded and constructed, residents and visitors would continue to rely on Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems.

United States Agency for Global Media

The USAGM, formerly International Broadcasting Bureau, operates an Individual Wastewater Disposal System, constructed in 1997, consisting of a packaged wastewater treatment system for aerobic digestion (Figure 1). Treated wastewater is disposed of in a leach field without a septic tank.



Figure 1. Existing Individual Wastewater Disposal System at USAGM

#### Camp Tinian

A U.S. military Individual Wastewater Disposal System was constructed on Tinian in 1999 to support military training personnel at Camp Tinian (Figure 2). The septic tank and leach field system are sized for 6,640 gallons per day (Department of Environmental Quality 1999). Using the Unified Facilities Criteria 3-240-02, "Domestic Wastewater Treatment" (Department of Defense [DoD] 2012), unit demand of 50 gallons per capita per day for military training camps, this system can support approximately 133 personnel. This Individual Wastewater Disposal System is not currently in use (Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, Personal Communication, September 10, 2024).



Figure 2. Existing Individual Wastewater Disposal System at Camp Tinian

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Tinian Power Plant

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation power plant on Tinian has an Individual Wastewater Disposal System with a small aeration tank similar to the USAGM facility. No information was made available regarding this system (Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Personal Communication, September 12, 2024).

#### 1.3.2 Existing Other Wastewater Treatment System Infrastructure

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino

The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino operated 500 rooms, a casino, several restaurants, and dwelling units for staff accommodation until it closed in 2016. The hotel had its own Other Wastewater Treatment System, a tertiary treatment plant that was permitted to treat 240,000 gallons per day. The condition of this facility is not known. Figure 3 shows the condition of the entrance to the facility in September 2024; the Other Wastewater Treatment System is not visible through the vegetation.



Figure 3. Entrance to the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino

*Note:* The Other Wastewater Treatment System is located within the vegetation to the right and was not visible at the time this photo was taken.

#### Tinian Diamond Hotel and Casino

The Tinian Diamond Hotel and Casino operated a hotel, a casino, and a restaurant until it closed in December 2024. The facility had its own Other Wastewater Treatment System, a tertiary treatment plant that consists of membrane bioreactors with denitrification (Figure 4). The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality stated that the Other Wastewater Treatment System had not operated due to a lack of minimum wastewater flow (Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Personal Communication, September 12, 2024).



Figure 4. Other Wastewater Treatment System at Tinian Diamond Hotel and Casino

#### 1.4 PROPOSED WASTEWATER DEMAND AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

#### 1.4.1 Design Population

The maximum number of personnel on island at any one time from the Proposed Action would be 1,070 (estimates for this study used 1,100 to be conservative) and consists of the following types:

- Up to a maximum of 1,000 military personnel participating in training.
- Between 30 and 50 permanent support personnel, who would maintain and operate the facility. It is assumed that 20 individuals would relocate to Tinian and that the on-island local workforce could fill 30 positions.
- Up to 50 construction workers, who are assumed to relocate to Tinian from off-island. Construction would occur in phases over approximately 10 to 15 years.

Dependents are not included in the estimates above based on the experience of other U.S. DoD construction projects on Tinian.

#### 1.4.2 Proposed Wastewater Demand

Wastewater demand is determined using the requirements of Unified Facilities Criteria 3-240-01 based on population. Wastewater demand for both Alternatives 1 and 2 is the same. Table 1 summarizes the estimated wastewater demands for the Proposed Action.

**Table 1. Peak Proposed Wastewater Demand** 

Personnel Type	Use Category <sup>a</sup>	Unit Flow (gpcd)	Population	Wastewater Flow (gpd)
Military Personnel	Military Training Camps	50	1,000	50,000
Construction Workers (8-hour shift)	Nonresident Personnel and Civilian Employees (per 8-hour shift)	30	50	1,500
Permanent Support Personnel (8-hour shift)	Nonresident Personnel and Civilian Employees (per 8-hour shift)	30	50	1,500

Total

53,000

*Legend:* gpcd = gallon(s) per capita per day; gpd = gallon(s) per day. *Notes:* <sup>a</sup> Data per Table 3.1 of Unified Facilities Criteria 3-240-01.

Wastewater infrastructure is designed to accommodate the peak flow. Actual flow will vary significantly between training events and non-training periods. During non-training periods, wastewater flow could be 1,500 gallons per day or less.

#### 1.4.3 Proposed Wastewater Infrastructure

The Proposed Action includes construction of new wastewater infrastructure at the Base Camp, which would be operated and maintained by the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC). The new wastewater infrastructure could include a sanitary sewer collection system, a sewer lift station, and one or more Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems. Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems are proposed because the USAGM site does not appear to be within either a Class I or II Aquifer Recharge Area/Groundwater Protection Zone on Tinian (Captain B. Bearden, U.S. Public Health Service, Personal Communication, March 3, 2025).

Wastewater service outside of the Base Camp would be met using portable toilets. These portable toilets would be periodically emptied by licensed haulers and disposed of at the new Individual Wastewater Disposal System, at the existing U.S. Department of the Navy (DON) Individual

Wastewater Disposal Systems, or at a septage disposal site approved by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-1405.

Sludge from the CNMI Joint Military Training septic tanks would also be emptied by licensed haulers and disposed of at a septage disposal site approved by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-1405.

Septic Tank Size

Per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-605, septic tanks shall be sized using the following equation when the average daily sewer flow is greater than 1,500 gallons per day:

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Liquid volume = 1,125 gallons + (75\% \times \text{Average daily sewage flow in gallons per day})
Liquid volume = 1,125 gallons + (75\% \times 53,000 gallons per day) = 40,875 gallons
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Per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-625, the minimum septic tank dimensions are 6 feet in length, 4 feet wide, and 6 feet deep. Tanks are also required to include scum storage for 15 percent of the liquid depth and 1 inch of air space at the top of the tank. Conceptual tank dimensions that would meet these requirements are:

- *Width:* 20 feet*Length:* 42 feet*Depth:* 8 feet
- Tank Volume: 50,272 gallons (42,208 gallons of liquid)

The calculation above assumed a single septic system for the Proposed Action. Multiple smaller systems or parallel tanks that provide the same capacity could also be used instead.

Leach Field Size

Leach fields for septic systems are sized based on the percolation rate of the soil per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-820, Table 800-1. Below are calculations for leach field size using the smallest allowable percolation rate (largest required area).

Assuming percolation at 0.67 inches per hour:

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53,000 gallons per day / 0.5 gallons per square foot per day = 106,000 square feet of leach field
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To be conservative, it is estimated that the leach field would be 106,000 square feet, which is approximately 2.4 acres. Percolation tests would be done per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-700 prior to starting engineering design of the leach field.

#### 1.5 WASH RACK

Wash water from the vehicle wash facility would be periodically emptied by licensed haulers and disposed of at the new Individual Wastewater Disposal System, at the existing DON Individual Wastewater Disposal System, or at a septage disposal site approved by the Bureau of

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Environmental and Coastal Quality per Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code section 65-120-1405.

#### 1.6 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Under the Proposed Action, vehicle maintenance activities would not be conducted at the Base Camp. The training unit would bring on-island all vehicles used during training and remove the vehicles following the completion of training. No drainage or drywells would be constructed or used.

#### 1.7 **SUMMARY**

Wastewater generated on the Military Lease Area as a result of the Proposed Action can be collected and treated in accordance with Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code. Below is a summary of the anticipated wastewater system to be constructed at the Base Camp:

• Wastewater Demand: 53,000 gallons per day

• Total Septic Volume: 50,272 gallons

• Leach Field Size: 2.4 acres

Operation and maintenance of the wastewater system in accordance with Unified Facilities Criteria 3-240-03 is anticipated to include the following:

- Maintain vegetation over the leach field by cutting grass and removing trees, shrubs, and larger plants.
- Monitor sludge depth within septic tanks and remove sludge when the system is no longer working efficiently in accordance with the equipment manufacturer's recommendations.
- The quantity and frequency of sludge removal is based on the amount the system is used. Generally, it is expected that a septic tank is pumped every 3 to 5 years. If the tank is half full of sludge, then removal could consist of 25,000 gallons or approximately 100 tons.

The wastewater generated by new populations residing outside the Military Lease Area in existing housing, including wastewater generated by construction workers and permanent support personnel outside shift hours, would not exceed the capacity of the Individual Wastewater Disposal Systems. Each private property owner is responsible for maintenance and compliance with the CNMI regulations for their Individual Wastewater Disposal System. Thus, no indirect impact is anticipated from the construction workers or permanent support personnel living outside of the Military Lease Area in support of the Proposed Action.

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