



CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement

The United States (U.S.) is rebalancing military forces in the Asia Pacific region. In support of this, the U.S. military is proposing to increase joint military training capabilities by developing live-fire ranges and training areas on the islands of Tinian and Pagan. The U.S. Marine Corps is leading this joint service initiative on behalf of the U.S. Pacific Command. This proposed action, which involves land, air, and sea space, follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA provides the public with opportunities to provide input and assists the decision maker in making an informed decision. Your comments are welcome and important to us.

Proposed Action: The U.S. military proposes to improve existing and develop new live-fire military training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

Purpose and Need: The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce joint training deficiencies for the military services in the Western Pacific. Military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed to ensure that the U.S. military services fulfill their responsibility to maintain, equip, and train combat-ready forces in the Western Pacific.

Scoping Meetings: The U.S. military is holding open house style scoping meetings on Saipan and Tinian to begin the NEPA process and to seek public comments on important issues to be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS). At these meetings, you are encouraged to:

- View a slide presentation about the proposed action
- Learn about the NEPA process and review proposed action posters and handouts
- Ask questions and discuss the proposed action with U.S. military representatives
- Learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and the Section 106 process
- Submit comments

