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**SENATOR PANGELINAN SUBMITS COMMENTS ON DEIS**

**FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE**, February 24, 2010 (Hagåtña) – At the end of the 90-day period for Guam to review and submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Senator vicente c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada, submitted his comments while making recommendations for mitigation alternatives which were not offered in the DEIS. Areas of concern raised by the Senator include land, utilities, economic, and socioeconomic issues within the 50-page submittal. In his cover letter, Senator pangelinan expressed grave concern about the nature of the DEIS and the proposed military buildup's detrimental impact on the people of Guam for generations to come.

Senator pangelinan states, "The DEIS contains numerous deficiencies and fails to meet the requirements of the NEPA process in that it does not provide adequate and verifiable information needed to formulate informed and substantive comments. The Department of the Navy has failed to provide a legally adequate document; therefore, this document should not be used to proceed in the final EIS and presentation for a Record of Decision."

The DEIS failed to offer reasonable alternatives as it relates to land designation for a firing range on land that is registered with the National Historic Registry. It also fails to offer mitigation plans to provide the specificity necessary for the people to make sound judgment and informed comments, which will have an impact on our community. The DOD should not consider acquiring any more land, and it should, instead, focus on cleaning up the land they have already gained possession of to fully utilize those resources.

In terms of Guam's economic outlook, Senator pangelinan outlined problems with the estimates of projected GovGuam tax revenue.

Senator pangelinan stated, "The DEIS lacks specific information about future Section 30 (Income Tax) revenues of Marines transferring from Okinawa to Guam. The DEIS also does not include the current and future loss of Section 30 revenue of the temporary military and civilian employees due to the IRS 'presence test'. There should also be full disclosure and reporting of military contract awardees which report all subcontract information to the Government of Guam."

In closing, Senator pangelinan says, "Unless these concerns are addressed sufficiently, then the only acceptable alternative for the Department of Defense and the Joint Guam Program Office is the 'No Action' alternative as offered in the DEIS."

To read the comments submitted in its entirety, please log on to: [www.senbenp.com](http://www.senbenp.com).

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