

Public Comments Submitted for the Programmatic Memo #1

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Comments/Questions

1) Regarding the previously bulldozed pre-contact habitation and artifact scatter site, more description of what is proposed to be lost or adversely impacted is needed. Whether or not the site was previously bulldozed or affected, more information should be provided in this PA Memo to ensure that the public is aware of the historical data retrieved during this study.

The website and these documents should be made public user-friendly. For example, the Historic Property number listing in the PA Memo #1 (J-001B) states that six (6) sites will be affected, but does not specify what site number or project is being referenced under the Public Education and Interpretation Series Booklets on the Cultural Resources Information website.

Further, if one does not have access to Appendix E of the Programmatic Agreement, then it is not possible to see which cultural resources are directly affected, such as Guam Historic Properties Information (GHPI) Sites 66-08-1350, -2303, -2305, -2306, -2307, -2309. What efforts moving forward will you make to ensure that this process is made more user-friendly for the general public to provide comment?

2) Most current archaeological survey was conducted in 2010 (four years ago) for this Project. What are the requirements for updating for a more current archaeological survey/report to ensure that public is provided best updated information? These properties should be re-surveyed given the new areas introduced and the increase in the size of the area of potential effect. Most current survey/report should be accessible to the public.

Additionally, we do not have access the surveys/reports listed in the PA Memo. Do these reports state whether or not burial sites will be affected in the project area? It is critical that these sites remain untouched and undisturbed and every effort be exercised to ensure protection and preservation of the sacred ancient remains of our Chamorro people. If you cannot mitigate, then they should be avoided.

3) Does the project site affected include the Haputo Beach area and the numerous cultural resources located there? Map provided appears to include parts of the Haputo Beach. What are the anticipated adverse effects to the area? Will public access to this historical, cultural site be impacted?

4) The Haputo Beach Site is listed on the Guam and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Does not the NRHP designation serve to protect such sites from any Department of Defense Undertaking? How does the proposed DoD Undertaking affect those sites listed on the NRHP?

5) Excluding removal, what efforts will be made to protect and preserve the culturally important natural resources such as the *nunu*, *da'ok*, *dukduk*, and *ifit* trees as well as other medicinal plants in the area?

6) Does the composition of the archaeological team conducting surveys include the participation of native inhabitant(s) of Guam? If not, what efforts will be made to ensure that our subject matter experts on Guam are included at all levels of participation in this process?

7) Visually, the maps provided are vague. More information such as beach/coastal areas, landmarks and roadways should be identified to ensure that the public is able to read and understand the sites involved.

8) How does the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific plan to handle the significant historical artifacts found? Will they be removed and catalogued, stored for eventual transfer to the government of Guam?

9) Better effort to inform the public of these PA Memos is greatly needed to ensure receipt of public comment. The only notice released that the public may have access to was on the Pacific News Center website dated May 31, 2014. For comments due on June 2, 2014, this effort is inadequate and more outreach must be done to ensure that the people of Guam are able to participate in such a process. NAVFAC Pacific should consider purchasing airtime on local radio stations or print advertisements in local newspapers. It is absolutely clear the public notice is inadequate under the current system and must be modified.