

PUBLIC SCOPING

WHAT IS PUBLIC SCOPING?

- An early and open process, conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for identifying issues and alternatives to be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and determining who is interested in the proposed action
- Begins with publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register stating an agency's intent to prepare an EIS

THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS PUBLISHED AN NOI IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER TO PREPARE AN EIS FOR THE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE (AFB), GUAM. THE U.S. AIR FORCE IS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE EIS, AND THE U.S. NAVY IS A COOPERATING AGENCY.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING PUBLIC SCOPING?

During public scoping, the U.S. Air Force:

- Provides information about the proposed action and alternatives being considered
- Corresponds with local and federal stakeholders
- Conducts public outreach
- Requests comments

WHAT ROLE DOES THE PUBLIC HAVE DURING PUBLIC SCOPING?

During public scoping, government agencies, stakeholders, and the public are invited to:

- Identify issues and concerns, and provide new information, data, and suggestions
- Request information
- Participate in public outreach opportunities
- Submit comments, relevant information, and questions

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER PUBLIC SCOPING?

After the public scoping period has ended, the U.S. Air Force will:

- Incorporate public input into the proposal and develop the Draft EIS, which is expected to be completed in late 2021 or early 2022
- Make the Draft EIS available to the public for review for a minimum of 45 days
- Incorporate applicable input on the Draft EIS into the development of the Final EIS, which is anticipated in mid to late 2022; a Record of Decision could be signed no sooner than 30 days after the Final EIS is released



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES AT ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, GUAM

