



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Request for public document review for Clear Air Force Station

Public Comment Period July 2, 2012 through July 31, 2012

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) have prepared a draft New Mission Beddown and Construction Environmental Assessment (EA), Clear Air Force Station, Alaska and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting four inter-related projects to beddown new mission requirements and upgrade the Early Warning Radar (EWR) and associated facilities at the Solid State Phased-Array Radar System.

MDA is proposing to upgrade the EWR by installing or upgrading equipment in the radar facility and on the roof. A new generation of military satellite communications would be required as part of the EWR upgrade. The satellite communication system would be made up of an antenna, radome, condenser, communications equipment, and inter-connect facility.

AFSPC is proposing to beddown, install and field an Enhanced Polar System (EPS) gateway. Two gateway antenna towers and radomes would be constructed for the gateway antennas. A third gateway tower, radome and pad could be added as backup. In addition, there would be one Interim Command and Control antenna tower installed and an exterior shelter constructed. Modifications to spaces in the radar facility would occur to house the EPS IC2 terminal and hardware.

AFSPC is also proposing a new diesel fuel storage facility, consisting of four 60,000 gallon diesel fuel tanks, to support the emergency generator plant. A single lane paved road with turnaround would be constructed outside the perimeter fence for delivery trucks. The current security fence would be expanded and upgraded. A new entry control point and parking area would be constructed and the existing drainage basin would be relocated.

The draft EA and draft FONSI are available in electronic form on the MDA website at http://www.mda.mil/news/environmental_reports.html. The draft EA and draft FONSI are also available for review at the following libraries:

Anderson Village Library
Reference Section
First Street
Anderson, AK 99744

Noel Wien Library
Reference Section
1215 Cowles Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Nenana Public Library
2nd and Market Street
Nenana, AK 99760

MDA will accept written comments on the draft EA and draft FONSI during the public comment period, which extends from July 2, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

MDA requests and welcomes your comments via e-mail to Environmental@mda.mil, facsimile to (703) 882-6811, or via U.S. Postal Service to:

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Comments must be postmarked or received by July 31, 2012 to ensure they become part of the official record. For more information, please visit http://www.mda.mil/news/environmental_reports.html or contact Mr. Ellis Gilliland at 256-450-2676 or by email at ellis.gilliland@mda.mil

Public comments on this draft EA and draft FONSI are requested pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act*, 42 United States Code 4321, et seq. All written comments received during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered during final EA and FONSI preparation. Providing private address information with your comment is voluntary and such personal information will be kept confidential unless release is required by law. However, address information will be used to compile the project mailing list and failure to provide it will result in your name not being included on the mailing list.