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Army Holds Public Meetings Regarding Makua Military Reservation

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii**—The Army conducted the first of four public meetings Monday night, allowing island residents the opportunity to provide input on the Army's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Training Activities at Makua Military Reservation (MMR).

Public comments on this new draft will be considered in preparing the Army's final statement and decision on Makua's future use.

The original DEIS was issued in 2005 but several developments over the past three years have necessitated a new draft. A Supplemental DEIS was released Sept. 19 to address these developments, which also included a 45-day public comment period beginning that day.

The remaining three public meetings will be held at the locations listed below. Each meeting will consist of an open house from 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., where information will be provided on the SDEIS, followed by a public comment session from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- Oct. 7, 2008
   Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center
   1129 Kilani Ave.
   Wahiawa, HI 96786
- Oct. 8, 2008
   Aunty Sally Kaleohano's Luau Hale
   799 Piilani St.
   Hilo, HI 96720

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Oct. 9, 2008
 Waimea Community Center
 65-1260 Kawaihae Rd.
 Kamuela, HI 96743

The public comment period for the Supplemental DEIS ends November 3, 2008, 45 days after the Notice of Availability publication in the *Federal Register*, Sept. 19, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to the public meetings, individuals may submit comments online at <a href="www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makuaeis">www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/makuaeis</a>; by fax to (808) 656-3162; by e-mail to usaghipaomakuaeis@hawaii.army.mil; or by mail to:

Attn: Makua SDEIS Public Comments USAG-HI Public Affairs Office 742 Santos Dumont, WAAF Schofield Barracks, HI 96857

A Final EIS will be published following the comment period on the Supplemental DEIS and incorporation of public comments.

For questions about submitting public comments, please call (808) 656-3152. There are currently 28 days remaining in this public comment period.