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## EIS provides Army tool to decide Makua training

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS**, Hawaii – The Army has prepared this Environmental Impact Statement to assess the potential impacts of training activities at the Makua Military Reservation (MMR). The EIS was prepared according to National Environmental Policy Act requirements and regulations, and established agreements between Malama Makua and the Department of Defense.

The EIS is designed to identify and analyze the potential effects of live-fire training activities on the surrounding environment associated with training at MMR. The EIS incorporates detailed studies, as well as over 180 public comments received during numerous public meetings, three public comment periods of 75-days, 76-days and 45-days in length, and also received via web, e-mail and postal letters.

The EIS analyzes five alternatives to accomplish military training in the State of Hawaii.

"As the purpose of the EIS is to provide Army leadership with the necessary information and tools to make an informed decision on the use of Makua, the Army will now carefully review each of five proposed alternatives and their potential impacts," said Colonel Matthew T. Margotta, Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. "No decision has been made regarding what type of training will be conducted at MMR in the future. A decision will be made by senior Army leadership in Hawaii in coordination with Department of the Army no less than 30 days from the release of today's EIS."