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2 **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**  
3 **AND**  
4 **FINDING OF NO PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE (FONPA)**  
5 **Environmental Assessment of Installation Development**  
6 **at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas**  
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8 Federal actions that potentially involve impacts on the environment must be reviewed in accordance with the  
9 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all other applicable laws. The U.S. Air Force (USAF) has  
10 completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the potential environmental consequences associated  
11 with implementing selected installation development projects (as found in the community of plans for  
12 installation development and resource management) at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland (JBSA-Lackland),  
13 Texas. The selected installation development projects were grouped in four categories: demolition,  
14 construction, infrastructure improvement, and natural infrastructure management. These categories were chosen  
15 due to the common elements of their activities and the nature of their potential environmental impacts. The  
16 selected installation development projects assessed include the following:

17 **Demolition Projects**

- 18 • D1. Security Hill Dormitory Complex Demolition
- 19 • D2. Atomic Energy Commission Facilities Demolition
- 20 • D3. Demolish Munitions Storage Igloos

21 **Construction Projects**

- 22 • C1. Airman Training Complex West Campus
- 23 • C2. Permanent Party Dormitory
- 24 • C3. Battlefield Airman Aquatic Training Complex
- 25 • C4. Reid Medical Clinic
- 26 • C5. 433rd Airlift Wing Building Additions and Renovations
- 27 • C6. Air Force Office of Special Investigations Administrative Support and Headquarters Facilities
- 28 • C7. Army and Air Force Exchange Service Base Exchange Project

29 **Infrastructure Improvement Projects**

- 30 • I1. Pavements Projects
- 31 • I2. Golf Cart Path Upgrades
- 32 • I3. Airfield Lighting Upgrades
- 33 • I4. Texas Air National Guard Apron Repair
- 34 • I5. Parking Lot Installation
- 35 • I6. Natural Gas Line Upgrades
- 36 • I7. Electrical Distribution System Upgrades
- 37 • I8. Main Water Line Upgrades
- 38 • I9. Sanitary Sewer Lines Upgrades

39 **Natural Infrastructure Management Projects**

- 40 • NI1. Medio Creek Erosion Control
- 41 • NI2. Warrior Week Road – Leon Creek Bridge.

42 The Proposed Action of implementing these 21 selected projects, reasonable alternatives for the selected  
43 projects, and the No Action Alternative have been reviewed in accordance with NEPA as implemented by the  
44 regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and USAF regulations in 32 Code of Federal  
45 Regulations (CFR) 989, Environmental Impact Analysis Process.

1 The analyses focus on the following environmental resource areas: noise, land use, air quality, geological  
2 resources, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources and environmental  
3 justice, infrastructure, hazardous materials and waste, and safety. Details of the potential environmental  
4 consequences can be found in the attached EA.

5 Project D2 will involve demolition of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible structures. Projects  
6 I2 and I8 will involve ground disturbance in the vicinity of NRHP-eligible archaeological resources. Project C6  
7 will involve construction of a new facility adjacent to an NRHP-eligible building. In all cases, JBSA-Lackland  
8 has developed avoidance and impact minimization measures acceptable to the Texas State Historic Preservation  
9 Office (SHPO) in accordance with the JBSA-Lackland Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan  
10 (ICRMP) and the JBSA-Lackland Programmatic Agreement (PA).

11 ***Finding of No Practicable Alternative.*** As noted in the attached EA, practicable alternatives are not available to  
12 avoid wetland and/or floodplain impacts for the following projects:

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| 13 | • I1. Pavements Projects                      | 18 | • I9. Sanitary Sewer Lines Upgrades   |
| 14 | • I2. Golf Cart Path Upgrades                 | 19 | • NI1. Medio Creek Erosion Control    |
| 15 | • I6. Natural Gas Line Upgrades               | 20 | • NI2. Warrior Week Road – Leon Creek |
| 16 | • I7. Electrical Distribution System Upgrades | 21 | Bridge.                               |
| 17 | • I8. Main Water Line Upgrades                |    |                                       |

22 These proposed projects involve repair and upgrades of existing infrastructure and utilities, so they are  
23 constrained to their current locations. Impacts to wetlands and floodplains are reduced to the maximum extent  
24 possible through project design and implementation of environmental protection measures; however, these  
25 projects have the potential for minor, direct, adverse impacts on wetlands and floodplains. No mitigation  
26 measures will be required because no significant impacts will occur.

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29 Chief, Engineering Division  
30 Headquarters Air Education and Training Command

31 ***Finding of No Significant Impact.*** Based on the information and analysis presented in the EA, incorporated  
32 here by reference, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA, the CEQ  
33 regulations implementing NEPA, USAF implementing regulations as set forth in CFR 989 (EIAP), as amended,  
34 and after a review of the agency comments submitted during the 30-day public comment period, I conclude that  
35 implementation of the Proposed Action will not result in significant impacts on the quality of the human or  
36 natural environment. For these reasons, this FONSI is approved and the preparation of an Environmental  
37 Impact Statement is not warranted. This decision has been made after taking into account all submitted  
38 information, and considering a full range of practicable alternatives that will meet project requirements and are  
39 within the legal authority of the USAF.

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Attachment: *Environmental Assessment of Installation Development at Joint Base San Antonio-  
Lackland, Texas (November 2012)*