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## **Intent to Prepare Environment Impact Statement for Schofield Barracks Project Announced**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (January 17, 2014) - The Army invites the public to provide comments on the scope of an environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 50 MW biofuel-capable power generation plant at Schofield Barracks, City and County of Honolulu, O'ahu. Written comments to the EIS can be submitted during the 45-day scoping period from January 17 to March 3, 2014. Scoping meetings will be held at:

**February 5, 2014** 6:30–9:00 PM Mililani Makua Elementary School Cafeteria 95-1111 Makaikai St. Mililani, HI 96789

**February 6, 2014** 6:30–9:00 PM Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center 1139a Kilani Avenue Wahiawa, HI 96786

The Schofield Generating Station Project (SGSP) would be a source of renewable power that would provide energy security for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and Field Station Kunia if loss of service occurs from the normal sources of electricity supporting these installations. The SGSP would also benefit the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) and the residents of Oʻahu by supplying power to the island-wide grid during normal operations.

The EIS will study the impacts of developing the SGSP on existing land at Schofield Barracks. The Army would lease 10.3 acres to HECO and grant a related 5-acre interconnection easement on South Range, Schofield Barracks. HECO would construct, own, operate, and maintain the power generation plant. A 46-kilovolt subtransmission line would be built to connect the SGSP to the HECO grid. Key resources of concern, for which potentially significant impacts could occur, include air quality, traffic, and stormwater. More information can be found in the Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register.

All interested members of the public, as well as Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings, submitting written comments, or both. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS.

See Press Release below.

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Army to study potential biofuel-capable power plant on Schofield

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — The Army invites the public to provide input on the scope of a future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 50-megawatt biofuel-capable power generation plant, here.

The Schofield Generating Station Project (SGSP) would be a source of renewable power that would benefit the Hawaiian Electric Company ("Hawaiian Electric") and Oahu residents by supplying power to the islandwide grid during normal operations.

The SGSP would also provide an energy security service for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Field Station Kunia by serving as a backup source of power, should loss of service occur from the normal electricity sources supporting these installations. Electricity produced from renewable biofuels at the SGSP would help the Army achieve its renewable energy goals.

The EIS will study the impacts of developing the SGSP on existing land at Schofield Barracks. The Army would lease 10.3 acres to Hawaiian Electric and grant a related 2.5 acre interconnection easement on Schofield's South Range, west of Kunia Road. Hawaiian Electric would construct, own, operate and maintain the power generation plant. A 46-kilovolt subtransmission line would be built to connect the SGSP to the Hawaiian Electric grid. Air quality, traffic and storm water are among the key resources that will be studied. More information is available in the Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register or online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant/.

Interested members of the public, as well as federal, state and local agencies, are invited to participate in the scoping process by helping to identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS.

During the 45-day scoping period, which runs Jan. 17 to March 3, the community can participate in public scoping meetings; submit written comments; or both. The scoping meetings will be held the first week of February, as follows:

Feb. 5 6:30–9 p.m. Mililani Makua Elementary School Cafeteria 95-1111 Makaikai St. Mililani, HI 96789 Feb. 6 6:30–9 p.m. Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center 1129 Kilani Ave. Wahiawa, HI 96786