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Update to the 2012 Guam and CNMI Relocation Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- In May 2012, Department of Defense announced that because of the adjustments to the 2006 Realignment Roadmap Agreement relocating U.S. Marine Corps forces from Okinawa, Japan to Guam, the Department of the Navy (the Navy) was expanding the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the live-fire training range complex (LFTRC) on Guam to include an assessment of changes to the number and composition of Marines relocating to Guam.

The adjustments included reducing the originally planned relocation of 8,600 Marines to a force of approximately 5,000 Marines on Guam and will therefore require an assessment of potential environmental impacts related to the force reduction, base and family housing, and training requirements.

Since the May 2012 announcement, the Navy has been conducting site assessments of preliminary alternatives in preparation for the Notice of Intent (NOI) and scoping period for the SEIS. The NOI was published on Oct. 11 (EDT) and Oct. 12 (ChST), and provides information on the SEIS and upcoming public scoping meetings to be held on Guam Nov. 8-10.

The Navy encourages public participation in the SEIS process and looks forward to receiving comments at the scoping meetings.

The NOI and details regarding public scoping meetings can be found online at <http://guambuildupeis.us> and in the local media.