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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for
Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Available for Public Review**

90-Day Public Comment Period Begins

Washington, DC — The Department of Navy today announced the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation (“Draft EIS”). This Draft EIS includes analyses of impacts for the following proposed actions on Guam and Tinian:

- Development and construction of facilities and infrastructure to support the relocation from Okinawa to Guam of approximately 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 dependents; development and construction of facilities and infrastructure to support training and operations on Guam and Tinian for the relocated Marines.
- Construction of a new deep-draft wharf with shoreside infrastructure improvements creating the capability in Apra Harbor, Guam to support a transient nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.
- Development of facilities and infrastructure on Guam to support the relocation of approximately 600 military personnel and their 900 dependents, and the establishment and operation of an Army Missile Defense task Force (AMDTF).

The Draft EIS can be downloaded at www.guambuildupeis.us. Copies of the Draft EIS are available for review at the following public libraries:

GUAM:

University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy
Memorial Library
Government Documents Tan Siu Lin Building
UOG Station
Mangilao, GU 96923

Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library
254 Martyr Street
Hagåtña, GU 96910

SAIPAN:

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library
P.O. Box 501092
Saipan, MP 96950

Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library
P.O. Box 501250
Saipan, MP 96950

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TINIAN:

Tinian Public Library
P.O. Box 520704
Tinian, MP 96952

The Draft EIS will also be available for public review at mayor's offices in the villages of Dededo, Yigo, Agat, Mangilao, and Barrigada on Guam; and in the offices of the mayors of Saipan and Tinian.

The release of the Draft EIS initiates a 90-day public comment period, ending at midnight on February 17, 2010, Eastern Standard Time (3:00 p.m. on February 18 in Guam and the CNMI). All issues or concerns raised through public comments will be identified and appropriately considered in preparation of the Final EIS. Comments may be submitted online at www.guambuildupeis.us or by mail by sending them to:

Joint Guam Program Office, c/o Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860-3134
Attention: GPMO

The public may also submit oral and/or written comments during public hearings in Guam and the CNMI. Six public hearings will be held and will consist of an open house, during which attendees can review informational materials and ask questions of subject matter experts; and a formal hearing, during which oral comments will be recorded. The dates and locations for these public hearings are as follows (all times listed are local to Guam and the CNMI):

GUAM:

Thursday, January 7, 2010
Southern High School, Santa Rita
Open House: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 9, 2010
University of Guam Field House, Mangilao
Open House: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Public Hearing: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, January 11, 2010
Yigo Gymnasium, Yigo
Open House: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

TINIAN:

Thursday, January 14, 2010
Tinian Elementary School, San Jose
Open House: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

SAIPAN

Friday, January 15, 2010
Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Open House: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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Okkodo High School, Dededo
Open House: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

For more information about the Draft EIS, please visit www.guambuildupeis.us.

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Questions from the general public may be directed to the Joint Guam Program Office at (671) 333-2302 in Guam or (703) 602-4716 in Washington, DC. Please note that any voicemail messages left on these phone lines are not considered comments submitted on the Draft EIS.

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