



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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April 28, 2023

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
State Capitol
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero:

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA), in cooperation with the United States (U.S.) Department of the Army (Army), U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Department of the Air Force, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts and potential mitigation of deploying and operating an Enhanced Integrated Air and Missile Defense (EIAMD) system to defend Guam against rapidly evolving advanced missile threats from regional adversaries.

Within the context of homeland defense, Guam is a key strategic location for sustaining and maintaining U.S. influence, deterring adversaries, responding to crises, and maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific. An attack on Guam would be considered a direct attack on the United States, and would be met with an appropriate response. Current U.S. forces are capable of defending Guam against regional ballistic missile threats. However, regional missile threats to Guam continue to increase and advance technologically. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command has identified a requirement for a 360-degree EIAMD capability on Guam as soon as possible to address the rapid evolution of adversary missile threats.

The Proposed Action to be analyzed in the EIS is to deploy and operate missile defense radars, sensors, missile launchers, missile interceptors, and command and control systems; construct and operate associated support facilities and infrastructure; and manage the associated airspace. The MDA and the Army need to strategically locate and integrate the system components at multiple sites around Guam. In the event where Department of Defense (DoD) property is not available to strategically locate the components on DoD properties or where buffer and safety zone arcs encroach on non-federal properties, acquisition of appropriate real estate interests on non-federal property may be needed in a few areas. Site selection is evolving and additional sites may be considered. Additionally, the MDA anticipates airspace modification may be necessary at sites where radars would be located. Airspace needs or modifications would be coordinated with and approved by the FAA.

The MDA plans to publish a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register and to local media outlets notifying the public of a public comment period from May 5, 2023 to June 27, 2023. The MDA will solicit comments from the public, organizations, agencies, and federal, state, and local government officials. The MDA, with the Cooperating Agencies, will hold three public scoping meetings to inform the public about the Proposed Action and accept comments on the scope of the analysis. The public scoping meetings will be in an open-house format and will include

poster stations staffed by project representatives who can provide information and answer questions about the Proposed Action and the upcoming environmental impact analysis. The public may arrive at any time between 4 and 7 p.m. as there will not be a presentation or formal oral comment session. The public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

June 14, 2023
University of Guam
Calvo Field House Gymnasium
303 University Dr.
Mangilao, Guam

June 15, 2023
Okkodo High School
Gymnasium
660 Biradan Anakko 3rd St.
Dededo, Guam

June 16, 2023
Southern High School
Gymnasium
#1 Jose, Perez Leon Guerrero Dr.
Santa Rita, Guam

Please contact Mr. Keith O'Neil, Director, Congressional Affairs, at 571-231-8108, or by email to keith.oneil@mda.mil, if you have questions regarding the EIAMD system to defend Guam. To learn more about this project, please go to www.mda.mil/system/eiamd.html.

Sincerely,



J. A. HILL
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S CHAMBER**



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for an Enhanced
Integrated Air and Missile Defense System on Guam**

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Department of Defense (DoD)

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The MDA is issuing this Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with an Enhanced Integrated Air and Missile Defense (EIAMD) system for the defense of Guam. The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA; MDA's NEPA Implementing Procedures; U.S. Department of the Army's (Army) NEPA Implementing Procedures; U.S. Department of the Navy's (DoN) Environmental Readiness Program; U.S. Department of the Air Force's (DAF) Environmental Impact Analysis Process; and Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) NEPA Policies and Procedures. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts from the proposed deployment and operation of missile defense radars and sensors, missile interceptor launchers, and command and control systems; construction and operation of associated support facilities and infrastructure; and management of associated airspace (hereafter called "Proposed Action"). The MDA is initiating a public scoping period to receive comments on the scope of the EIS including identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, and the

ENCLOSURE

Proposed Action's potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

DATES: The MDA invites comments during the public scoping period beginning with publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments must be postmarked or received on or before **June 27, 2023** to ensure consideration in the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent via email to info@EIAMD-EIS.com; via the website comment submission form on www.EIAMD-EIS.com; or by United States (U.S.) Postal Service to: ManTech International Corporation, Attention: EIAMD EIS Project Support, PMB 403, 1270 N. Marine Corps Drive, Suite 101, Tamuning, Guam 96913-4331. Comments will also be accepted at the public scoping meetings. All comments, including names and addresses, will be included in the administrative record, but personal information will be kept confidential unless release is required by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Wright, MDA Public Affairs, at 571-231-8212 or by email to mda.info@mda.mil. Additional information on the Proposed Action can be found at the MDA website: <https://www.mda.mil/system/eiamd.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Within the context of homeland defense, Guam is a key strategic location for sustaining and maintaining U.S. influence, deterring adversaries, responding to crises, and maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific. An attack on Guam would be considered a direct attack on the United States and would be met with an appropriate response. Current U.S. forces are capable of defending Guam against regional ballistic missile threats. However, regional missile threats to Guam continue to increase and advance technologically. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command has identified a requirement for a 360-degree EIAMD capability on Guam as soon as possible to address the rapid evolution of adversary

missile threats. The purpose of the EIAMD is to support the defense of Guam from cruise, ballistic and hypersonic missile threats. The EIAMD is necessary to meet requirements as directed in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Acts and to protect Guam as described in this notice.

The MDA, in coordination with Army, DoN, DAF, and FAA as cooperating agencies, is preparing an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and a No Action alternative.

The Proposed Action includes the deployment and operation of a combination of components from the MDA, Army, and DoN that would be integrated for air and missile defense. These proposed components include missile defense radars and sensors, missile interceptor launchers, and command and control systems. The MDA and Army need to strategically locate and integrate the system components at multiple sites around Guam. In the event where DoD property is not available to strategically locate the components on DoD properties or where buffer and safety zone arcs encroach on non-Federal properties, acquisition of appropriate real estate interests on non-Federal property may be needed in a few areas. Site selection is evolving and additional sites may be considered. Additionally, MDA anticipates airspace modification may be necessary at sites where radars would be located. Airspace issues would be coordinated with the FAA.

Associated support facilities and infrastructure (e.g., power plants, fuel storage facilities, and water storage facilities), and life support facilities (e.g., family housing, fire stations, and dining facilities) would also be constructed and operated on these sites to support proposed EIAMD components and accommodate personnel associated with the proposed EIAMD system.

The MDA and Army have conducted extensive siting studies to confirm alternative site selection, optimize system performance, and optimize facility planning and design. The proposed ELAMD components, support facilities and infrastructure, and life support facilities would be distributed across the candidate sites.

The environmental issues and resource areas the MDA would assess in the EIS include, but are not limited to, the following: airspace, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, environmental justice and protection of children, geological resources, public health and safety, infrastructure and utilities, land use, noise and vibration, socioeconomics, transportation, recreation, visual resources, and water resources. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities in the area of Guam.

This public scoping effort also supports compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 800. As such, the MDA will consult with government officials and other interested parties regarding historic and cultural resources under Section 106 of the NHPA, as appropriate. Additionally, the MDA will undertake any other consultations and permitting required by applicable laws or regulations.

The MDA will conduct three in-person open house scoping meetings on Guam in June 2023. Notification of the meeting locations, dates, and times will be published and announced in local news media to encourage public participation. Access to meeting information can also be found on the MDA website at <https://www.mda.mil/system/eiamd.html>.

The MDA encourages elected officials, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and interested individuals to participate in the public scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. The public scoping process assists in determining the scope of the EIS

including identification of potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, and the Proposed Action's potential to affect historic properties.

Additional opportunities for public comment will occur after the release of the Draft EIS. The MDA intends to publish the Draft EIS in spring 2024, publish the Final EIS in early 2025, and sign a Record of Decision following the 30-day Final EIS review period.

Dated: April 28, 2023.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.