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Lieutenant General Heath A. Collins, USAF  
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**RE:** Request for 60-Day Extension to Comment on Environmental Assessment/ Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) for Proposed Missile Defense Flight Tests

Dear Lt. General Collins:

Thank you for your letter dated May 28, 2024, informing me of the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) preparation to release the Proposed Final Environmental Assessment/Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) and proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with activities to validate the interoperability of multiple sensors and interceptor systems from the Services that would be part of the missile defense system developed to protect Guam.

The Government of Guam recognizes the importance of national security and the role of our island in that mission. However, the proposed activities have the potential to significantly impact our environment, our economy, and the daily lives of our residents. I am most especially concerned about any impacts on land owners, including the possibility of the need to evacuate their properties during testing. The proposed final EA/OEA states, "Out of an abundance of caution, the Department may request some landowners on the boundaries of AAFB remain away from their properties during test events to ensure their safety." The proposed final EA/OEA further states, "The Proposed Action may result in temporary public and private land access restrictions in the vicinity of AAFB. These temporary restrictions would be rare (one to two times per year) and would be in place for up to four days. Notice of restrictions would be provided well in advance of any necessary land closures, and the Department of Defense would coordinate with affected private landowners to relocate during this time period at no cost to the landowners. The land would not be used for any purpose during the Proposed Action and would only be restricted for safety purposes. Therefore, long-term and permanent impacts on land use as a result of the Proposed Action are not anticipated."

After a cursory review by my team, we determined that the EA/OEA on June 3, 2024, is a complex document with far-reaching implications. For this reason, Governor Leon Guerrero and I are requesting a sixty (60) day extension to the comment period for the EA/OEA on behalf of the government of Guam. This additional time will allow the Government of Guam to review the

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assessment thoroughly, consult relevant experts, and engage in meaningful discussions with our community stakeholders.

We are committed to working collaboratively with the MDA to ensure that any activities undertaken on or around Guam are conducted in a manner that safeguards our environment, respects our cultural heritage, and protects the interests of our people. Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please contact Vera Topasna, Executive Director of the Community Defense Liaison Office, at [vera.topasna@guam.gov](mailto:vera.topasna@guam.gov) or (671) 475-4735.

*Sensengamente.*



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