

available to answer questions and exhibits will be on view throughout the meeting. Attendees also will have an opportunity to provide oral comments during the scoping meeting. Written comments are encouraged and can be submitted at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments can be submitted by email to [SVADAEIS@tetratech.com](mailto:SVADAEIS@tetratech.com) or by regular mail to SVADA EIS c/o Tetra Tech, 107 St. Francis Street, Suite 2370, Mobile, AL 36602. SVADA EIS documentation is available online at [www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-ArticleCS/Programs/Article/3901394/](http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-ArticleCS/Programs/Article/3901394/).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For other SVADA inquires or for assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please email Mr. Thomas Lineer, Public Affairs, at [thomas.a.lineer.civ@army.mil](mailto:thomas.a.lineer.civ@army.mil). For other EIS inquiries, please contact Mr. Joe Hand by phone at 251-694-3881 or by email at [joseph.h.hand@usace.army.mil](mailto:joseph.h.hand@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Defense 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission made recommendations for realignment and closure of military installations in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-510, as amended). The recommendations included closure of SVADA, located in northwestern Illinois along the Mississippi River in Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties. The Army officially closed SVADA in 2000. Following closure, the Army proposed disposal of SVADA's 13,061 acres because the property was excess to the Army's needs. Approximately 5,343.9 acres have been transferred as of the date of this notice. The proposed action is the transfer of LRA Parcel 20's 132 acres. The need for this action is to carry out the BRAC recommendation for the closure of SVADA, which became law, and to make the parcel available for reuse.

Through the BRAC process, as SVADA property parcels were certified as clean from environmental contaminants, the Army transferred the property to federal, state, or local agencies. The agencies that have taken ownership of SVADA parcels are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the LRA.

In the original reuse plan, Parcel 20 was to go to the USFWS. In 2016, USFWS withdrew its interest in the parcel. The Army officially identified the parcel as surplus in January 2018. In 2023, the LRA submitted to the Army a Reuse Plan for Parcel 20. The EIS will

analyze the proposed action of disposal and transfer of Parcel 20, a no-action alternative, three LRA reuse alternatives, an alternative under which Parcel 20 would be available for recreation but would otherwise remain undeveloped, and an alternative under which Parcel 20 would be available for recreation and solar development. The no-action alternative is required by 40 CFR 1502.14(c) and serves as the baseline against which the proposed action and other alternatives are compared. The LRA presents in its 2023 Reuse Plan three conceptual reuse alternatives for developing LRA Parcel 20. The three alternatives focus on creating an inland commodity shipping facility, including commercial, industrial, recreational, and potentially solar development under each alternative. To facilitate implementation, the LRA designed the reuse alternatives as sequential phases. The initial phase would be implemented within a five-year target completion window, while the second and third phases would follow, with both having five-year-plus completion windows. The LRA's proposed reuse includes activities outside the boundary of LRA Parcel 20 in the Apple River, the Brickhouse Slough, the Mississippi River, and along Apple Island. All three of the LRA's reuse alternatives would require dredging. The recreation-only use alternative would implement recreational elements on Parcel 20 such as a walking trail, a canoe and kayak ramp on Commander's Pond, and a recreational area. The recreation and solar alternative would include a walking trail and canoe and kayak ramp on the pond, with solar photovoltaic arrays instead of a recreation area.

The EIS will analyze a wide range of environmental resource areas and effects, including—but not limited to—land use, aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic, transportation, utilities, hazardous and toxic materials, and cumulative environmental effects. Effects on water, biological resources, and cultural resources could be significant, and a Clean Water Act wetlands permit may be required. Additional resources and conditions may be identified as a result of the scoping process initiated by this NOI.

Interested local, state, and federal officials and agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and the public will be invited to participate in the 30-day scoping process, which includes a scoping meeting. The Army is seeking comments on alternatives and effects, as

well as relevant information, studies, or analyses with respect to the proposed action. Opportunities for public participation will be announced in the local news media and on the project website at [www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-ArticleCS/Programs/Article/3901394/](http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/Submit-ArticleCS/Programs/Article/3901394/). Comments from the public will be considered before completion of a Draft EIS. Following completion of a Draft EIS, the public will have an additional opportunity for review and comment. The Final EIS will make appropriate changes based on public comments and its release will start a 30-day waiting period. After that time, the Army will sign a Record of Decision (ROD) announcing the chosen alternative.

**Scoping and Agency Coordination:** Consultation will include, but not necessarily be limited to, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This includes consultation with federally recognized Tribes. The Army will determine the scope of the analysis by soliciting comments from interested local, state, and federal officials and agencies, federally recognized Tribes, and members of the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Real Property Master Plan Implementation at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, North Carolina** **AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army (Army) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for implementing proposed real property actions at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU), North Carolina. This DEIS evaluates the potential effects of the implementation of various projects needed for the safety and mission of the facility and provides an analysis of the effects of implementing real property maintenance, repair, upgrade, and development actions. The proposed action is needed to address improvements to real property related to

explosive safety, waterfront maintenance, security, and linear infrastructure. The projects and programs address compliance with federal, state, DoD, and Army standards vital to safety, security, and other mission needs. The document also makes available for public comment a Draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) prepared because portions of the proposed action occur in floodplains or involve construction in wetlands, or both.

**DATES:** Comments on the DEIS can be submitted during the 45-day public review period, through 4 February 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to James A. Rupkalvis, Installation Manager, 6280 Sunny Point Road, Southport, NC 28461-7800, or via email to [james.a.rupkalvis.civ@army.mil](mailto:james.a.rupkalvis.civ@army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Burkhalter, Legislative Affairs Officer, Public and Congressional Affairs Office, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command; telephone: (618) 220-6119; email: [michael.d.burkhalter.civ@army.mil](mailto:michael.d.burkhalter.civ@army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MOTSU is the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's East Coast strategic ammunition port and is DoD's primary ammunition seaport supporting the European, African, and Middle Eastern areas of operation. The proposed action includes barricade safety, waterfront maintenance, Pleasure Island Explosive Safety Clear Zone security, linear infrastructure (e.g., roads, rail, utilities, firebreaks), stormwater mitigation, and cantonment area infill. The proposed action also includes modernizing operation areas and general repair and maintenance of infrastructure, to include facilities, wharves, roads, rail, utilities, and perimeter security. The proposed projects address critical mission requirements and are planned for fiscal years 2025 through 2031.

The DEIS evaluates the potential impacts associated with implementing the proposed RPMP activities, to include analyzing Full-Plan Implementation, a Partial Implementation Alternative, and a No-Action Alternative. The DEIS assesses the impacts of the alternatives on resources and identifies mitigation measures. Resource areas and potential impacts addressed include coastal zone management, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, and cultural resources. The DEIS has not identified any significant

impacts, but consultation is ongoing with regulatory agencies.

Executive Order (E.O.) 11988, Floodplain Management, requires that if an agency finds that the only practicable alternative for an action requires siting in a floodplain, the agency shall design or modify its action in order to minimize potential harm to or within the floodplain. Under E.O. 11990, Protection of Wetlands, an agency must avoid undertaking new construction in wetlands unless the agency finds that there is no practicable alternative to such construction. The Army determined that elements of the proposed action must be located within portions of the floodplain and wetlands at MOTSU. Accordingly, a Draft FONPA—i.e., a notice containing an explanation of why the action is proposed to be located in floodplains and wetlands—is also being circulated for public review and comment.

Native American Tribes, federal, state, and local agencies/officials, and other interested entities/individuals are encouraged to comment on the DEIS and Draft FONPA during the 45-day public comment period. The DEIS and Draft FONPA are available on the project website at: <https://www.sddc.army.mil/SitePages/Environmental%20Programs.aspx>. All comments postmarked or received by 4 February 2025 will be considered in the development of the Final EIS. Following the conclusion of the comment period, the Army will consider all comments and prepare responses that will appear in an appendix of the Final EIS. The Final EIS will be made available to the public, which will start a 30-day waiting period. No sooner than the conclusion of that waiting period, the Army will publish a Record of Decision.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2024-0037; OMB Control Number 0704-0321]

#### Information Collection Requirement: DFARS Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at 252.232-7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisition

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number 0704-0321 through April 30, 2025. DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

**DATES:** DoD will consider all comments received by February 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0321, using either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [osd.dfars@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dfars@mail.mil). Include OMB Control Number 0704-0321 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Saleemah McMillan, at 202-308-5383.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at 252.232-7002 Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisition; OMB Control Number 0704-0321.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion.  
*Number of Respondents:* 107.  
*Responses per Respondent:* 19.2.  
*Annual Responses:* 2,056.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1.5 hours.