

Update on the Guam Military Buildup  
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The relocation of United States Marine Corps forces from Okinawa to Guam is one of the largest movements of military personnel and assets in decades. It is part of a strategic realignment of forces reflected in the Realignment Roadmap agreement between the U.S. Government (USG) and the Government of Japan (GOJ), dated May 1, 2006.

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- The Department released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) military relocation on July 2010.
- The Record of Decision (ROD), which was signed on September 20, 2010, includes the Navy's decision to implement the preferred alternatives for the main base, aviation and waterfront operations necessary to support the relocation of approximately 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 family members.
- Decisions on the establishment of an Army Air Missile Defense Task Force and the location of a transient nuclear powered aircraft carrier berth in Apra Harbor have been deferred. The location of a live fire training range complex for the Marine Corps has also been deferred, pending completion of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation process.

**The Way Forward**

- Carefully considering the concerns and comments of the Government and people of Guam and our interagency partners, DOD is taking a holistic approach as it moves forward with the military buildup.
- DOD is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the people of Guam and the military personnel who will call Guam home. This will be accomplished through a "One Guam" approach, which involves use of innovative and sustainable technologies, efficient land use, and respect and public access to cultural sites.
  - The military buildup will lead to clear economic benefits, both in the near- and long-term.

- Guam firms have won and will continue to have the opportunity for millions of dollars worth of build-up contracts. These business opportunities will lead to an increased labor demand for skilled workers to be filled by Guam, CNMI, and neighboring island's workforce.
- The Department has secured, and will continue to seek funding for the infrastructure upgrades directly and indirectly associated with the military buildup, and will continue to advocate for federal investment in Guam's socio-economic and infrastructure needs.
- DOD will ensure that Marines are able to meet their warfighting capabilities by providing training areas on Guam. We will partner with the interagency team, Guam Government and the people of Guam to achieve a mutually agreeable solution for training needs.

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