

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

U.S. NAVY AND NASA RELEASE FINAL EIS FOR PROPOSED CONTINUED USE OF STATE LANDS ON KAUAʻI FOR THE NAVY'S PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FACILITY AND NASA'S KŌKE'E PARK GEOPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) jointly prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support analysis of potential environmental effects of proposed real estate agreements with the State of Hawaiʻi for the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and the Kōkeʻe Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO). The Navy proposes to maintain the use of 8,172 acres of State lands on Kauaʻi in support of continued and ongoing military training, testing, and facility operations at PMRF. NASA proposes to maintain the use of 23 acres of State land on Kauaʻi in support of maintaining data collection efforts of global significance at KPGO. The Proposed Action is needed because the existing real estate agreements for these State lands are set to expire between 2027 and 2030.



Public Involvement

The Navy and NASA held a public comment period on the Draft EIS from June 20, 2025, to August 7, 2025.

During the public comment period, the Navy and NASA held three public meetings in July 2025 at three locations on Kauaʻi (Līhuʻe, Kekaha, and Kapaʻa) to provide project information to the public and to receive public comments on the Draft EIS. The meetings were also available online.

The Final EIS includes responses to comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS also includes updates in response to substantive comments received.

Next Steps

The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS will be published in the Federal Register on August 21, 2026. Following publication of the Final EIS in The Environmental Notice on August 23, 2026, the Board of Land and Natural Resources will determine acceptability of the Final EIS in accordance with the Hawaiʻi Environmental Policy Act (HEPA) and publish their determination in The Environmental Notice. The Board of Land and Natural Resources meeting will be held on September 11, 2026. A 60-day HEPA wait period follows the Board of Land and Natural Resources' publication of determination. The Navy and NASA will publish their own Record of Decision following a 30-day wait period. The Record of Decision is a concise public record that will address the Navy and NASA decisions, respectively.

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Final EIS Availability

The Navy and NASA encourage the public to view the NEPA version of the Final EIS and HEPA version (showing changes from Draft to Final) of the Final EIS. Both the NEPA and HEPA versions of the Final EIS are available on the project website at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com. A copy of the HEPA Final EIS will be available on the Environmental Review Program's website at <https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/> and at the Waimea Public Library (Kaua'i) and the Hawai'i Documents Center (Hawai'i State Library, O'ahu).

For more information visit:
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