

E Pāne Mai Ka Nono'i O Nohi'i
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U.S. Navy Pacific Missile Range Facility and NASA Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory Real Estate Environmental Impact Statement

The Navy and NASA invite you to participate in the environmental planning process and submit comments.

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of proposed real estate agreements with the State of Hawai'i for the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) and the Kōke'e Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO). The Navy and NASA invite you to participate in the environmental planning process.

The Navy proposes to maintain long-term Department of Defense use of 8,348 acres of State of Hawai'i lands on Kaua'i for operational continuity and sustainment of the military readiness mission. The Navy operates on 410 acres of the total acres leased from the State. The majority of the leased and easement areas remain intentionally undeveloped as they are used as an encroachment buffer and security for the facility's mission. NASA proposes to maintain long-term use of 23 acres of State of Hawai'i land on Kaua'i for continued operations of KPGO. The Proposed Action is needed because existing real estate agreements for these State lands are set to expire between 2027 and 2030.

The Navy and NASA will host public scoping meetings at three locations on Kaua'i. Attend any of the public scoping meetings to talk story, learn more, and submit written or oral comments. Your voice is important to this planning process. Meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. HST at the following locations:

Public Scoping Meetings:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Kaua'i Veterans Center, 3215 Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hwy., Līhu'e

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Kekaha Neighborhood Center, 8130 Elepaio Rd., Kekaha

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Sheraton Kaua'i Coconut Beach Resort, 650 Aleka Loop, Kapa'a

Agenda:

5 to 8 p.m.

Information stations – meet the project team, talk story, and ask questions.
Visit the comments station to provide a written or oral comment.

6 to 6:30 p.m.

Project presentation by Navy and NASA.

For more information, visit [PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com](https://www.pmr-facility.com/kpgo-eis)

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Hawai'i
Environmental OPHEV2
Attention: PMRF and KPGO RE EIS Project Manager, Ms. Kerry Wells
400 Marshall Road, Building X-11
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Public Comment Period

The Navy and NASA are initiating a public scoping period under the National Environmental Policy Act and Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343 to receive comments on the scope of the EIS. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the environmental review process by providing input on the proposed real estate action including potential alternatives, environmental or cultural concerns, information the public would like the Navy and NASA to know, and any other information the public would like to see addressed in the EIS. The scoping meetings will also serve as an opportunity to obtain public input concerning potential effects to historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and HRS Section 6E-42. Your voice is important to this planning process.

The public scoping period begins **May 8, 2024** and ends **June 17, 2024**. Please attend a public scoping meeting and visit the project website to learn more.

For language assistance or special accommodations, contact the PMRF Public Affairs Officer at (808) 335-4740 or PMRFPublicAffairs@us.navy.mil. Requests for language assistance or special accommodations should be made at least seven days prior to the public meeting.

Submit Comments in Person, Online, or by Mail

Submit comments by **June 17, 2024**.

The public may submit comments in any of the following ways:

- In person at a public scoping meeting
- Through the project website at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com
- By email to info@PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com
- By mail, postmarked by **June 17, 2024** to the following address:
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The Navy and NASA propose to evaluate potential environmental impacts to the following resource areas. The public is invited to provide input on these and other resources that should be considered in the EIS.

Social Environment

- Archaeological and historic resources
- Cultural practices
- Visual resources
- Public health and safety
- Land use
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental justice

Physical Environment

- Air quality and greenhouse gases
- Water resources

Biological Environment

- Biological resources

Built Environment

- Utilities
- Transportation
- Hazardous materials and wastes