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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) have jointly prepared a Draft 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 review the Draft EIS and provide public comments.** 

The Navy proposes to retain the use of 8,172 acres of State of Hawai'i lands on Kaua'i in support of continued military training, testing, and facility operations at PMRF. The Navy operates on approximately 410 acres of the total acres leased from the state. The majority of the leasehold and easement areas remain intentionally undeveloped as they are used as an encroachment buffer and security for the facility's mission. NASA proposes to retain the use of 23 acres of State of Hawai'i land on Kaua'i in support of maintaining data collection efforts of global and local significance at 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 meetings at three locations on Kaua'i. Each meeting will include a live online broadcast and public comment opportunity. Attend any of the public meetings to talk story, learn more, and submit written or oral comments. Meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. HST at the locations listed below. To participate online, register at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com.

## **Public Meetings:**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025** Kaua'i Veterans Center, 3215 Kaua'i Veterans Memorial Hwy., Līhu'e

#### Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Kekaha Neighborhood Center, 8130 Elepaio Rd., Kekaha

#### Thursday, July 17, 2025

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

# Agenda:

### 5 to 6 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.

Presentation by Navy and NASA.

#### 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Oral comments from the public in person and online.

# Submit Comments in Person, Online, or by Mail

Submit comments by *August 7, 2025, 11:59 p.m. HST.* The public may submit comments in any of the following ways:

- In person or online at a public meeting
- Through the project website at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com
- By email to info@PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com
- By mail, postmarked by *August 7, 2025*, to the following address:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Environmental OPHEV2 Attention: PMRF and KPGO RE EIS Project Manager, Ms. Kerry Ling 400 Marshall Road, Building X-11, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860

The public is invited to provide input on the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIS. The Navy and NASA analyzed potential environmental impacts to the following resource areas:

- Archaeological and Architectural Resources
- Cultural Practices
- Biological Resources
- Land Use and Access
- Socioeconomics
- Water Resources

- Utilities
- Public Health and Safety
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
- Transportation
- Hazardous Materials and Waste
- Visual Resources

The public review and comment period begins June 20, 2025, and ends August 7, 2025

A copy of the Draft EIS is available at PMRF-KPGO-EIS.com and at the Waimea Public Library (Kaua'i) and the Hawai'i Documents Center (Hawai'i State Library, O'ahu).