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Subj: NOTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED P-649 JOINT COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE, JOINT REGION MARIANAS, NAVAL BASE GUAM

Hafa Adai Mr. Taitano,

The Department of the Navy kindly requests the Bureau of Statistics and Plans' (BSP) review of our coastal determination for the proposed project to provide a new communications node at Naval Base Guam (NBG) Telecommunications Site (TS), Guam. The Navy has determined that the proposed activity will be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with mitigating any unintended effects on the Guam Coastal Zone, per 15 CFR 930 Section 930.35.

The project will demolish Building 122 (B122) and Building 197 (B197) at NBG TS. Two new operational storage warehouses will be constructed, one at NBG Main Base and one at NBG TS. Additionally, the scope of the P-649 also includes the addition of an underground 288-strand fiber path between NBG Main Base (south entrance) and Andersen South, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The proposed project will also consist of the construction of a new secure communications facility located on NBG TS. A more detailed description of the P-649 proposed project is in Enclosure 1.

The Navy has assessed any reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect effects on Guam's defined coastal zone, and reviewed relevant management programs (enforceable policies) of the Guam Coastal Management Program (GCMP) in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) per 15 CFR Part 930 Section 930.33(a)(1). Based on the analyses within this application package, and given the proposed best management practices, the Navy has determined that the P-649 construction project has foreseeable coastal effects to Guam's defined coastal zone per 15 CFR 930, Section 930.35. This notice of consistency determination is based on:

1. The proposed federal development is consistent with existing uses as military mission support.
2. The use of best management practices would be implemented to minimize potential environmental effects.
3. The proposed activities are similar to previous DoD activities that have been determined to be either consistent with, or have no effects, on coastal resources.

Please see enclosures for project descriptions, project maps, coastal effects determinations and other supporting information. We respectfully request a response from Bureau of Statistics and Plans within 30 days or less from receipt of this package. However, if no response is received from your office within 60 days, the Navy shall presume concurrence with the consistency determination per 16 CFR Section 930.35(c).

We appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any questions relating to this submission, please contact Mr. Noah Burrell, NAVFAC Marianas Physical Scientist, by telephone at (671) 685-4580 or by email at noah.burrell@fe.navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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By direction

Enclosures:

1. Project Description
2. Project Footprint Maps
3. Guam Coastal Management Program Assessment Format