

A 1990 EA identified, documented, and evaluated the environmental and socioeconomic effects of closure of the 53 stand alone housing installations.

This EA supplements the 1990 EA and analyzes the disposal and reuse of the Manhattan Beach Housing Complex.

The EA examines potential impacts of the proposed action, the disposal and reuse of the property, on 13 resource areas and areas of environmental concern: land use, air quality, noise, water resources, geology, infrastructure, hazardous and toxic materials, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, the socioeconomic environment, environment justice, economic development, and quality of life. Additionally, the EA analyzed the potential impacts of the no action alternative—retaining the property in caretaker status.

Based on the analysis found in the EA it has been determined that no significant or cumulatively significant impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment are anticipated from the disposal of the Manhattan Beach Stand Alone Housing Complex.

Consistent with the President's Five-Point Initiative to Revitalize Base Closure Communities, which is intended to foster economic development and job creation, the Army intends to transfer the excess property to Kingsborough Community College via a public benefit conveyance for use as an educational center.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EA and FNSI can be obtained by contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, ATTN: CESAM-PD-ED (Mr. Doug Nester), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001 or by telephone at (334) 694-3854.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### All-Terrain Lifter, Army System (ATLAS)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Product Manager, Construction Equipment/Material

Handling Equipment (PM CE/MHE) has prepared a Life-Cycle Environmental Assessment (LCEA) which examines the potential impacts to the natural and human environment from the life cycle activities of the All-Terrain Lifter, Army System (ATLAS). Based on the LCEA, PM CE/MHE has determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required and the Army is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM), ATTN: AMSTA-DSA-TA-CE (ATLAS), Warren, MI 48397-5000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the ATLAS Life-Cycle Environmental Assessment contact Mr. John Syers, Assistant Product Manager (810) 574-8869.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### a. Proposed Action

This LCEA examines the potential impacts to the natural and human environment from the procurement of the ATLAS to satisfy the Army's need for an improved all-terrain forklift for Combat Service (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) units, based on the issue 13.9 (Lack of MHE Capability) of the Total Distribution Action Plan and identified in task B-11 of the Army Strategic Mobility Program. A major change was made to the ATLAS Operational Requirements Document (ORD) in November 1993 reducing the forklift's maximum speed of 45 mph, reducing its cross-country mobility, and eliminating the ATLAS requirement to handle Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) pods. The ORD changes also deleted the requirement for replacement of the 4,000 lb Rough Terrain Fork Lift (RTFL) and 6,000 lb Variable Reach Rough Terrain Fork Lift (VRRTFL) with the ATLAS. In January 1995, an additional ORD change deleted the requirement for the ATLAS to be NBC contamination survivable IAW AR 70-71. The revised requirement resulted in the adoption of an NDI acquisition approach to satisfy the revised ATLAS requirements. A market investigation supported the June 1994 special IPR approving the ATLAS program as a Non-Developmental Item (NDI) Component Integration acquisition.

##### b. Environmental Impacts

The ATLAS life-cycle includes the transport of vehicles to test sites, testing, vehicle production, deployment and operation of production vehicles and their eventual demilitarization. Potential environmental impacts of these life-cycle stages may include Air Quality, Noise, Water, Soil and Groundwater, Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Wastes, and Flora, Fauna and Threatened or Endangered Species at each of these life-cycle phases.

##### c. Additional Findings

Impacts from the proposed action would be minimal and not significant for the following reasons:

(1) The ATLAS will be used in its intended environment. This intended environment includes vehicle production and some testing at the Contractor's facility, and the remainder of life-cycle activities at Army installations and facilities.

(2) The ATLAS is very similar to vehicles produced commercially and vehicles already in the Army inventory. It is being produced in low to moderate quantities and will not significantly increase the vehicle population at Army installations and facilities.

(3) The overall environmental risk associated with the ATLAS is low. It does not introduce any new technologies or processes. Vehicle life cycle activities do not introduce any potential environmental impacts that are not already currently mitigated by Army policy and procedures.

(4) The ATLAS Product Manager has ensured that the Contractor producing the vehicle is environmentally compliant, has no permit violations, and has commercial practices for Hazardous Material Management and Pollution Prevention in production of the ATLAS.

(5) The ATLAS Product Manager recognizes that Army installations and facilities have environmental plans and measures in place to address vehicle life cycle activities very similar to that of the ATLAS to prevent, mitigate and remediate environmental damage caused by vehicle operation. Vehicle operations at these Army installations and facilities are in conjunction with normal activities that are already addressed in their site specific environmental impact statements.

##### d. Determination

It is therefore concluded that this program:

(1) Is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of human environment.

(2) Will not have a significant impact on the environment.

(3) Is not likely to be environmentally controversial.

(4) Will not likely result in litigation based on environmental quality issues.

(5) Does not require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Corps of Engineers

#### **Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Rio de Flag Area; Flagstaff, AZ Feasibility Study; City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the proposed study for flood control and environmental restoration, in the Flagstaff area. The study area is a riparian corridor traversing a mostly urban environment, extending approximately twelve (12) miles along the Rio de Flag (river), between U.S. Highway 180 on the north and west; and the Interstate 40 (I-40) bridge on the southeast. The lower segments of Sinclair Wash and Clay Avenue Wash near their convergence with the Rio de Flag area also included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact the Environmental Coordinator, Mr. David Compas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles CA 90053 at 213-452-3850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will sponsor a scoping meeting to solicit public input on 27 February 1998 at the City of Flagstaff offices, at 211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff. Two sessions will be held from 1 to 3 PM and from 5 to 7 PM, both sessions will cover the same topics. This scoping will be held prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to solicit public input on the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate in the scoping process by attending the Scoping Meeting and/or submitting data, information, and

comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that should be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study by attending the public scoping meeting, or by mailing the information to Mr. David Compas at the address below prior to March 23, 1998. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements and for the Draft EIS, should be sent to: Mr. David Compas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Attn: CESPL-PD-RN, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053. Comments will also be accepted via E-mail at: dcompas@spl.usace.army.mil

#### **Alternatives**

A full array of alternatives will be developed for further analyses. The proposed plan, viable project alternatives, and the "no action" plan will be carried forward for detailed analysis in the document. Conceptual alternatives will likely consist of: utilizing the present channel with modifications; utilizing the "historic" channel for a portion of the flow; splitting of northern flows from the southern flows; and/or diversion of flows to Walnut Canyon. Channel alternatives will likely consist of: a combination of open channels; covered channels; and/or greenbelt channels. Recreation alternatives will likely consist of: bike/walking trails; picnic tables; nature viewing areas; and/or a fitness course. Environmental alternatives will likely consist of: wetlands restoration; flora enhancement; and/or riparian enhancement.

#### **Availability of the Draft EIS**

The Draft EIS is expected to be published and circulated for public review in August 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Milcon Project P-527b, Sewage Effluent Compliance, at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Marine Corps announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the environmental effects of proposed alternative methods of sewage effluent disposal, in order to achieve compliance with a San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Cease and Desist Order at Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Pendleton. This report will supplement the Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, Lower Santa Margarita Basin Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R).

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92132-5190, (Attn: Ms. Vicky Taylor, Code 533.VT)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Vicky Taylor, (619) 532-3007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the U.S. Marine Corps announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the environmental effects of proposed alternative methods of sewage effluent disposal, in order to achieve compliance with a San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Cease and Desist Order at Marine Corps Base (MCB), Camp Pendleton. The Sewage Effluent Compliance Project, Lower Santa Margarita Basin Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/R), which this report will supplement, addressed a system of pumps and piping to deliver effluent from Sewage Treatment Plants 1, 2, 3, 8, and 13 to percolation ponds and an existing ocean outfall for discharge. Each of the three alternatives evaluated included an element of effluent or brine discharge through the ocean outfall. During final consideration of the proposed action, the City of Oceanside City Council disapproved use