

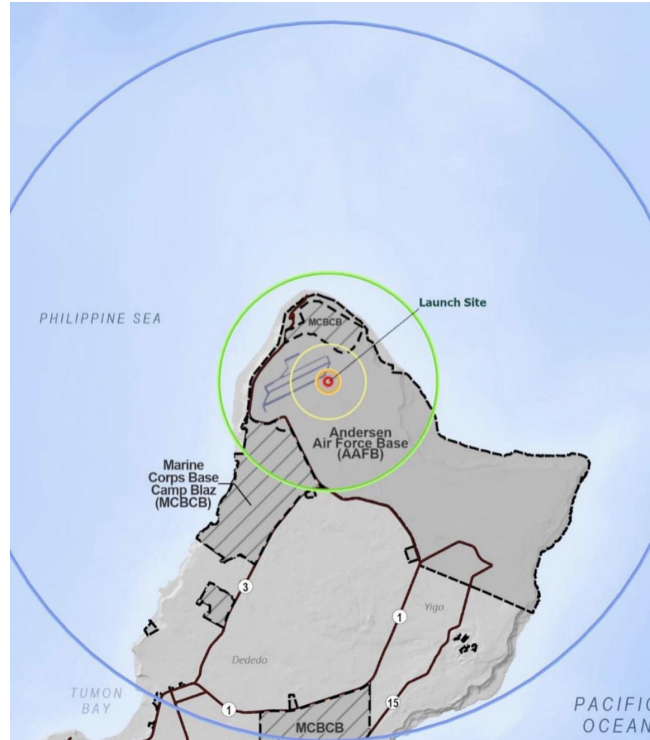
TOOLKIT

A guide for commenting on the Guam Flight Test Proposed Environmental Assessment

COMMENTS DUE: AUGUST 2.

Please check back regularly as this toolkit continues to develop.

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This TOOL KIT Includes:

1. Tips on how to submit comments
2. Suggested talking points for comments
3. List of media and online resources

1. TIPS ON HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS:

Public comments may be submitted at the community meeting on **July 25, 2024 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Dededo Senior Center.**

Comments can be submitted via email by August 2, 2024 11:59 pm ChST to info@GFT-EA.com

***Please consider copying your email to PLSR and the Guam Legislature to help document comment submissions:**

litekyan.opa@gmail.com

senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com

Comments can be submitted by postal mail to:

ManTech International
Attn: Guam Flight Test EA Project Support
PMB 403, 1270 N. Marine Corps Dr., Suite 101,
Tamuning, Guam 96913-4331.

Public comments will be accepted through AUGUST 2, 2024, 11:59 CHST

***Please note the time is CHST**

This information is found on the official Guam Flight Test Website:

<https://www.mda.mil/system/GuamFT/>

In your email or comment letter you should include:

1. Your name
2. Any group or organization you may be representing (if applicable)
3. A mailing address **or** "VILLAGE, Guam"
4. Sample subject line for email: Public Comment Guam Flight Test, LAST NAME, date

2. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

We are currently developing our comments and a template, however please be advised that DOD will count and combine all similar letters or templates as one submission under many names. Therefore, we encourage community members to draft original letters. Below are a few suggested talking points and we will continue to add more. Use whatever is helpful to you. Share *your* perspective. Your voice will make it unique and powerful.

Talking points:

- Up to 2x a year for the next 10 years, DOD plans to launch missiles from the air, land, and sea and intentionally collide them over the Pacific Ocean. A typical test would last about 8 hours.
- These "tests" will further pollute our ocean with debris from the missile collisions, parachutes, pallets, batteries, hazardous chemicals, hundreds of lines, expended parts of the missiles, and possibly entire missiles. DOD does not identify cleanup or remediation and note that all debris will sink to the sea floor and not be removed.
- The tests will also limit access to fishing grounds and private properties near Andersen Air Force Base, public lands including occupied CHamoru lands such as Litekyan (Ritidian) and Tarague, as well as privately held lands such as Inapsan and Urunao. Private landowners will not be able to access their properties until after the test, which DOD estimates could be 8 hours to 4 days. A generic and patronizing letter has been sent to landowners. You may question why if no significant impacts are found, should private property be restricted for flight test activities.
- The tests will also release greenhouse gasses, worsening the Climate Crisis through its fossil fuel use.

- These "tests" will further: Threaten endangered plant and animal species (e.g. sea turtles, whales, fruit bats, tree snails). Missile-parts and debris could fall on land and sea plants and animals. Parachutes and lines could entangle sea life. Animals could ingest debris. Debris could settle on coral and sponges.
- There will be an increase of noise pollution in local areas, especially nearby residences, schools, and churches in Yigo, the second-most populated village in Guahan.
- The sounds of missile launches, collisions, and parts landing on the land and in the ocean will also harm or startle wildlife in the affected areas.
- The tests will introduce hazardous, toxic, and carcinogenic pollutants into the air, land, and sea. Winds and ocean currents could further spread these contaminants' reach.
- Our islands are being consumed by the Military Industrial Complex and there is a lack of transparency about the extent of burdens and harms on our islands. We must also measure this action as part of the immense cumulative impacts and financial and environment burden as a result of these tests.
- How will these tests act as provocation in the region?
- Our Legislature is working to receive a classified report from Lincoln Labs and we do not have all of the information necessary to address the risks associated with these tests.
- We challenge all findings of no significant impact.
- The only alternative that is acceptable is a no-action alternative where our island can be spared from the harmful impacts of this proposed action.
- **This proposed action must require a full environmental impact statement as the Missile Defense Agency is just attempting to satisfy concerns with a minimal and incomplete environmental review with this assessment. Public controversy and insufficient information are two factors that require a full EIS.**
- How does this project compound already existing environmental and cultural damage alongside the military's other major projects such as the marine relocation, the MITT, the CJMT and others.
- The entirety of the islands and surrounding waters of the Marianas can be considered a significant cultural and historic property. The NEPA process must take into account the connectedness of these culturally significant sites throughout the entirety of the Marianas. The alternatives (no action, alternative 1, alternative 2) proposed provide differences based on types of planning but give no indication of alternatives based on varying locations. In short, the EA should provide various geographical alternative relocations from which these tests could take place other than land and sea.
- Critique the comment process: We are bombarded by two comments for two projects due in the same week with not enough information available.
- 250 landowners received notices, but the landowner meeting takes place on September 9, when the comment period has ended.
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Add your personal story. Your stories have power. Share them if you feel comfortable. Use the prompts below as a guide:

- Are there impacts you want to address in a personal or professional capacity? “As a teacher, parent/grandparent, student, professional, cultural practitioner, farmer, veteran, citizen, descendant of original landowners, etc. I am concerned about the impacts to the community I am a part of, which may include...”
- Do you want to mention any personal family stories about World War II? Are there any war survivors or casualties in your family?
- Have you or others been impacted by the land seizures that took place after World War II?
- What are your beliefs about protecting land, water, and air?
- Is there a cultural and natural resource you are most concerned about? Why is this important to us? How are these resources significant to our islands? What articles or information can you share about this?
- How do the possible impacts fail to align with your personal or cultural values and beliefs?
- What impacts are most concerning to you and why?
- Who are the people that you care for that will be affected by possible contamination? Your children? Your elders, ancestors?
- What do you want more information about?
- What does genuine security mean to you? Does it mean living in peace without the threat of war? Does it mean living without the threat of contaminated air, water, and soil? Does it mean the protection of cultural resources and sacred sites?
- What gives you hope? What makes you feel empowered to speak out and demand peace and genuine security?



(Image found in SLIDES in MEDIA/ONLINE RESOURCES)

3. MEDIA/ONLINE RESOURCES:

Official Military Online Resources:

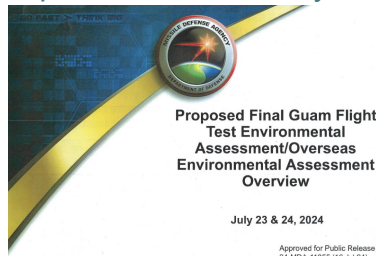
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Guam Flight Test Website:

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Missile Defense Agency, DOD, July 23 & 24; Approved for Public Release

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About Integrating NEPA and SECTION 106

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

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Wendy B. Davis, Akron Law Journal, July 2015

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Public Hearing, Speaker Therese M. Terlaje, Guam Legislature

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Department of Defense the unclassified version of the "independent assessment of the

integrated air and missile defense architecture to defend Guam" which was authorized

by U.S. Public Law 117-263 and commissioned by the U.S. Department of Defense from

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory in 2023.

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United States Government Accountability Office

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