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Dear Dr. Downer:

SUBJECT: INITIATION OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATION FOR DISPOSAL OF FORT KAMEHAMEHA HOUSING AT JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, HALAWA AHUPUA'A, 'EWA DISTRICT, O'AHU (TMK (1)-9-9-001:013)

Pursuant to the 2012 Commander, Navy Region (COMNAVREG) Hawaii (CNRH) Programmatic Agreement (PA) (Amended and Restated), and 36 CFR Part 800 Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA), the Navy is initiating consultation for the disposal of the Fort Kamehameha houses at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), O'ahu, Hawai'i.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Fort Kamehameha Housing located on JBPHH are considered historic structures under the NHPA (Enclosure 1). Fort Kamehameha was established in 1911 as an Army Coastal Artillery post consisting of five artillery batteries, officers' houses, barracks buildings, NCO quarters, recreational facilities, and other structures. The majority of structures were demolished post-WWII and existing batteries abandoned. The single family bungalow style housing units were constructed by 1916. In 1993, the Army transferred Fort Kamehameha to the Air Force. Currently, Fort Kamehameha consists of 48 buildings and structures that include officers' housing, a chapel, and abandoned gun batteries (Enclosure 2). Constructed as standalone single family residences in an arts and crafts style, the houses consist of U shaped and H shaped floor plans ranging in size from 2,600 square feet to 4,000 square feet. Currently, 96 homes of similar design and size are extant between Schofield Barracks and Ford Island.

The subject 33 homes have been vacant since 2008, due to current airfield safety restrictions as identified within Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-260-01 Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design, Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77 Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace, and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 32-7063 Air Installations Compatible Use Zones Program (Enclosure 3). The homes immediate proximity to the Dan Inouye International Airport and JBPHH

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have left no viable redevelopment options, ability to reuse for alternative mission requirements, or available sustainment funds to maintain the houses. The houses are currently in a mothballed status; this action was coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPD) during the development of the Fort Kamehameha Environmental Impact Statement Alternatives for the Disposition of Fort Kamehameha Historic District Buildings and Structures by the Air Force in 2009. Lead and asbestos abatements were recently completed for 3 homes. Fort Kamehameha Housing, part of the Fort Kamehameha Historic District, is a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible historic district with 42 contributing properties.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Navy continues to explore potential alternatives for disposal of this property including relocation for use off-site, deconstruction/salvage, and demolition. Final disposition of this property may include one or more alternatives. Organizations/entities removing the structures and/or assuming ownership in the new location will comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations for relocation and reuse, and be responsible for all costs associated with relocation. The Navy will assist in administration efforts and consultation to facilitate the safe and efficient relocation and preservation of these houses.

Deconstruction will entail the dismantling of the structures in order to re-use and recycle building material components. Reuse Hawaii has been contacted for possible salvage and recycle of houses slated for demolition. Remaining homes not relocated or deconstructed will be demolished.

Following initiation of Section 106 consultation, entities who expressed interest during the previous consultation in relocating the houses off-site and reuse will be contacted. The Navy requests assistance from the SHPD and the Historic Partners in identifying organizations and entities that may be interested in obtaining these houses.

DETERMINATION OF EFFECT

Under NHPA Section 106, implementing regulations, adverse effects include physical destruction of all or part of a historic property (36 CFR 800.5(a) (2) (iii)). The Navy has determined that the proposed project to dispose Fort Kamehameha houses will result in an "adverse effect" to historic properties (36 CFR 800.5(b)). Pursuant to Stipulation IX.C.1 of the CNRH PA, the Navy is therefore initiating consultation to resolve adverse effects in accordance with 36 CFR 800.6.

To resolve the adverse effects of the transfer of the Fort Kamehameha houses out of Federal ownership and/or disposal, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be developed stipulating appropriate mitigation measures for adverse effect.

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The Navy looks forward to working with SHPD and the Historic Partners. Should you have any questions regarding this undertaking, please contact Sherri Eng, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Hawaii at (808) 471-3858, or sherri.r.eng.civ@us.navy.mil.

Sincerely,



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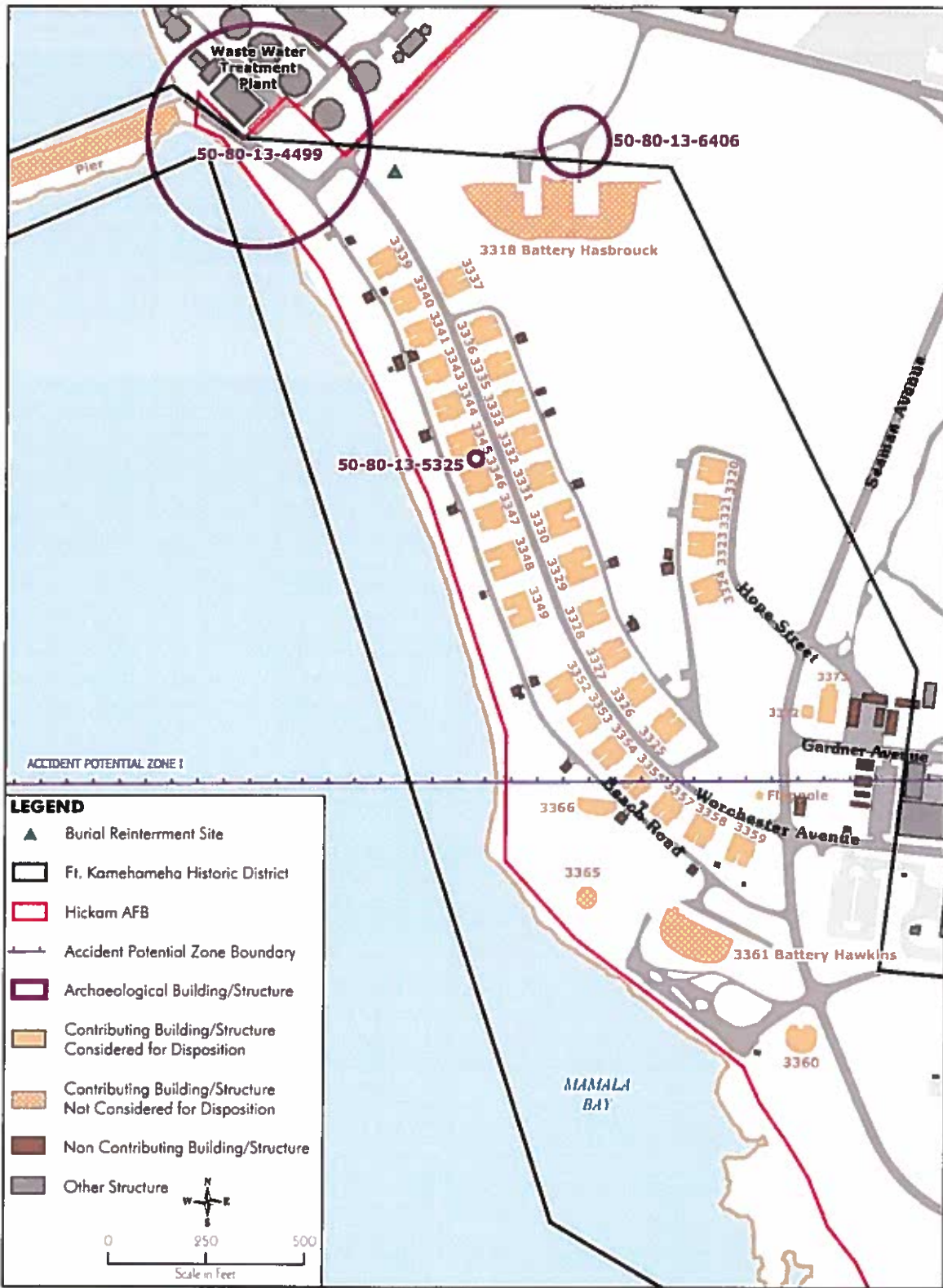
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Enclosures: 1. Location of Fort Kamehameha Historic District
2. Overview of Fort Kamehameha Historic District
3. Current Clear Zone (CZ) and Accident Potential Zones (APZs)

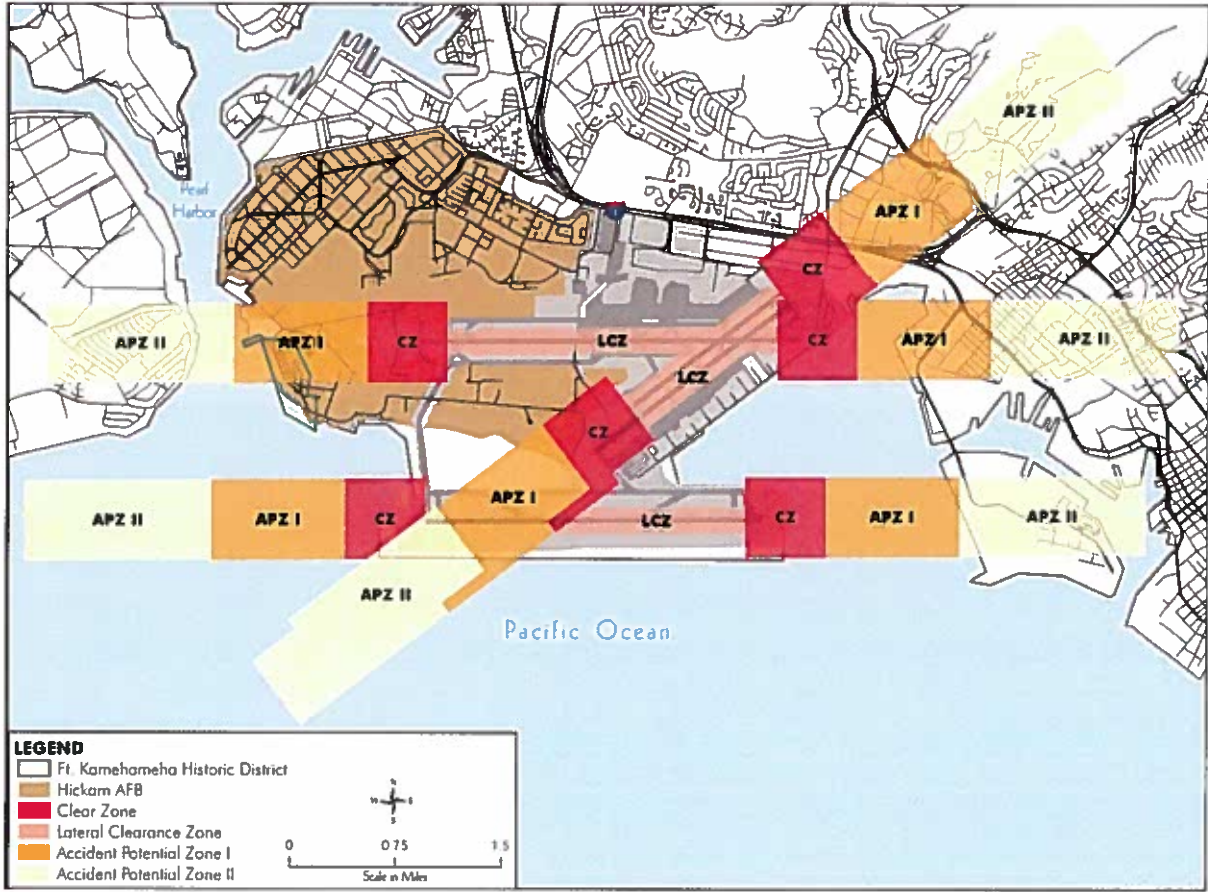
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Enclosure 1



Enclosure 2



Enclosure 3