Maritime Administration Finding of No Significant Impact

For the Port Authority of Guam Proposed Hotel Wharf and Access Road Maintenance and Repair Project Piti, Guam

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the accompanying Environmental Assessment (EA) are submitted pursuant to NEPA, 42 U.S. C. 4332 (2)(ca).

The Maritime Administration has determined that this project, for which Alternative 1 has been selected, will have no significant effect on the human or natural environment, individually or cumulatively, under normal conditions. The project is located at the Port of Guam facility and proposes to restore valuable Port of Guam property to safe and efficient operational status. The project is needed to support the Port's overflow and emergency "break bulk" and "bulk" cargo handling operations, container operations on self-sustaining vessels, and cruise vessel mooring and passenger screening operations. The proposed action would entail the following tasks:

- Repair and improve approximately one mile of access road serving the wharf and other Cabras Island facilities;
- Install or replace underground utilities in the access road and wharf areas, including water, sewer, electricity, stormwater, and data transmission;
- Reconstruct the existing wharf and bulkhead to include a new sheet pile bulkhead with approximately 4,396 cubic yards of clean fill to increase the in-water footprint by approximately 4,577 square feet;
- Construct structural components on the wharf and road, including mooring bollards and concrete decking/pavement;
- Demolish the dilapidated structures, including fencing, cleats, rubber fenders, and mooring bollards, and asphalt and concrete pavement, and a portion of the concrete cap atop the existing sheet pile bulkhead.

With the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), the proposed action is concluded to have a less than significant effect on the following resource areas: Soil, Geology and Seismicity; Air Quality; Hazardous Materials and Waste Management; Noise and Vibration; Public Services and Utilities; Water Quality; Surface and Ground Waters; Wetlands; Floodplains; Terrestrial Resources; Threatened and Endangered Species and Critical Habitat; Cultural Resources; Environmental Justice; and Land Use and Visual Resources. The proposed action is concluded to have a less than significant, but adverse impact on the following resource areas: Waters of the U.S. and Marine Resources. The following mitigation actions are proposed to offset impacts to these resources: Coral Relocation; Debris Removal; and Public Education and Outreach.

The Maritime Administration has determined that the EA adequately and accurately discusses the environmental issues and effects of the proposed action and specifies appropriate mitigation measures and standard conditions of approval in order to minimize environmental effects. Therefore, a FONSI is warranted, and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) is not required.

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