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### Army to study potential biofuel-capable power plant on Schofield

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** — The Army invites the public to provide input on the scope of a future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the construction and operation of a 50-megawatt biofuel-capable power generation plant, here.

The Schofield Generating Station Project (SGSP) would be a source of renewable power that would benefit the Hawaiian Electric Company (“Hawaiian Electric”) and Oahu residents by supplying power to the islandwide grid during normal operations.

The SGSP would also provide an energy security service for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Field Station Kunia by serving as a backup source of power, should loss of service occur from the normal electricity sources supporting these installations. Electricity produced from renewable biofuels at the SGSP would help the Army achieve its renewable energy goals.

The EIS will study the impacts of developing the SGSP on existing land at Schofield Barracks. The Army would lease 10.3 acres to Hawaiian Electric and grant a related 2.5 acre interconnection easement on Schofield’s South Range, west of Kunia Road. Hawaiian Electric would construct, own, operate and maintain the power generation plant. A 46-kilovolt subtransmission line would be built to connect the SGSP to the Hawaiian Electric grid. Air quality, traffic and storm water are among the key resources that will be studied. More information is available in the Notice of Intent published in the *Federal Register* or online at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant/](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant/).

Interested members of the public, as well as federal, state and local agencies, are invited to participate in the scoping process by helping to identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS.

During the 45-day scoping period, which runs Jan. 17 to March 2, the community can participate in public scoping meetings; submit written comments; or both. The scoping meetings will be held the first week of February, as follows:

**Feb. 5**  
**6:30–9 p.m.**  
**Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**95-1111 Makaikai St.**  
**Mililani, HI 96789**

**Feb. 6**  
**6:30–9 p.m.**  
**Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center**  
**1129 Kilani Ave.**  
**Wahiawa, HI 96786**

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The meetings will start with informational display viewing at 6:30 p.m., followed by an overview presentation at 7 p.m., and an oral comment period from 7:30-9 p.m.

In addition to the meetings, individuals can submit written comments via the following: 1) Email [sgspcomments@tetrattech.com](mailto:sgspcomments@tetrattech.com); 2) Fax 703-385-6007 (Attention: SGSP EIS); 3) Mail to Melissa DeSantis, Tetra Tech, Inc. (Attention SGSP EIS, 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030). Written comments should be sent or postmarked no later than March 2.

For questions regarding the scoping process and meetings, please contact U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs at (808) 656-3152.