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Army seeks comments on proposed bio-fuel capable power plant

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (April 24, 2015) — The U.S. Army invites the public to provide input on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the construction and operation of a 50-megawatt bio-fuel capable power generation plant, here.

Known as the Schofield Generating Station Project, the plant would be constructed, owned, operated and maintained by Hawaiian Electric on an 8.13-acre parcel of land to be leased from the U.S. Army. It would be a secure, inland source of renewable power that would benefit Oahu residents and Hawaiian Electric by supplying power to the islandwide grid during normal operations.

The plant would also provide energy security for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and Field Station Kunia by serving as a backup source of power during power outages. Electricity produced from using renewable biofuels would help the Army and the State of Hawaii achieve renewable energy goals.

The DEIS evaluates the impacts of the proposed action and the “no action” alternative on: land use; airspace use; visual resources; air quality, including climate and greenhouse gasses; noise; traffic and transportation; water resources; geology and soils; biological resources; cultural resources; hazardous and toxic substances; socioeconomic, including environmental justice; and utilities and infrastructure. Impacts would be less than significant for all resources, and beneficial effects would be expected for some resources.

All individuals and organizations are invited to review and provide comments on the DEIS. The DEIS and additional project information are available on the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/schofieldplant.

The DEIS is also available at the following libraries: Sergeant Rodney J. Yano Main Library, Schofield Barracks; Fort Shafter Library; Wahiawa Public Library; Mililani Public Library; Waialua Public Library; University of Hawaii libraries, to include the Thomas H. Hamilton Library, Edwin H. Mookini Library, Maui College Library, and Kauai Community College Library; Hawaii State libraries, to include the Kaimuki Regional Library, Kaneohe Regional Library, Pearl City Regional Library, Hawaii Kai Regional Library, Hilo Regional Library, Kahului Regional Library, Lihue Regional Library, and the Hawaii State Library Documents Center; the Legislative Reference Bureau Library; and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services Municipal Library.

During the 45-day public comment period, April 24 to June 8, 2015, the community can participate in public meetings; submit written comments; or both. The public meetings will be held as follows:

May 20, 2015

6:30–9 p.m.

Mililani Mauka Elementary School Cafeteria

95-1111 Makaikai St.

Mililani, HI 96789

May 21, 2015

6:30–9 p.m.

Wahiawa District Park Recreation Center

1129 Kilani Ave.

Wahiawa, HI 96786

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.

Written comments may be submitted via email to sgspcomments@tetrtech.com; or via mail to Department of the Army, Directorate of Public Works, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii ATTN: IMHW-PWE (L. Graham), 947 Wright Avenue, Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857-5013. All comments must be sent or postmarked no later than June 8, 2015.

For questions regarding the EIS process or comment period, please contact U.S. Army Garrison–Hawaii Public Affairs at (808) 656-3160 or (808) 656-3158.

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