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**CHAPTER 3**

**AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW**

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### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the baseline physical, biological, social, and economic conditions that occur within the region of influence (ROI) of the Proposed Action. Only those environmental and socioeconomic conditions relevant to the proposed project are presented, including land use, recreation, visual resources, airspace, air quality, noise, traffic, water resources, geology, soils, and seismicity, biological resources, cultural resources, human health and safety hazards, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and public services and utilities.

The chapter is organized by sections on each resource area. As applicable, each section gives a background on how the resource is related to the Proposed Action, a general overview of relevant legislative requirements governing the resource, followed by any standard operating procedures the Army maintains to protect the resource. The remainder of the section discusses the general conditions of the resource within the ROI. Specific information on resources within the ROI of each project area can be found in Chapters 5 through 8 (SBMR and WAAF, DMR, KTA and KLOA, and PTA).