

SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) is proposing to carry out an undertaking to demolish Facilities 71, 74, 75 at Pearl City Annex (PCA) aboard MCBH in the District of Ewa, Ahupua`a of Manana, on the Island of O`ahu, TMK 1-9-7-27:001. The proposed undertaking is currently in the planning phase.

PCA is a 26-acre site located on the east side of the Pearl City Peninsula in Pearl Harbor. PCA has been built out with storage facilities including three covered warehouses (71, 72, 73) and two open-sided sheds (74, 75). The PCA site is largely covered with asphalt paving except for a strip of marsh land along the Pearl Harbor East Loch. The proposed demolition of Facilities 71, 74, 7, includes their associated utilities and removal of their slab-on-grade building foundations. The depth of the associated ground disturbance would be approximately 6-8 inches below surface.

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.4(b), investigations by qualified preservation professionals have identified Facilities 71, 74, 75 as historic properties that are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. These investigations included background research, field investigation, and field survey in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification. A letter of concurrence on eligibility from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) can be found in the MCBH "Historic Context and Building Inventory (Wil Chee Planning et al. 2014)." The Navy acquired PCA for wartime use after the 7 December 1941 attack by Imperial Japan. By 1942, it had constructed Facilities 71, 74, 75 to use as storage buildings for materials and equipment salvaged from the ships damaged or sunk during the attack. After the war ended, the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) made limited use of PCA. When MCBH Kaneohe Bay became headquarters for MCBH during consolidation of military forces after the Cold War ended, MCBH included PCA. These storage facilities no longer have a mission use.

No subsurface archaeological deposits or sites have been identified in the project area. Recent archaeological monitoring for the demolition of nearby Facility 77, including its concrete building foundation, found no evidence of cultural deposits, sediments related to agriculture, or archaeological/cultural material. This investigation recorded a high soil mound along the sides of the building, measuring 18-inches thick and composed of silty clay loam with small to medium basalt and coralline stones, basalt (construction grade) gravel, and modern debris (glass, wire, pieces of metal). Under the foundation, it found a thin layer of gravel base course with terrestrial in-fill material similar to that in the surrounding area, consisting of silty clay with small to medium basalt cobbles and coralline stones. This study concluded that PCA had been extensively modified and infilled with a large amount of imported material and that archaeological monitoring is not recommended for ground disturbing activities near this project area unless future ground disturbance extends below 12 inches (30.54 cm).

In accordance with Section 106 Implementing Regulations at 36 CFR 800.3(e) and (f), the Marine Corps, in consultation with the SHPO, seeks public input and to notify the public of the proposed actions, and to identify any other parties entitled to be consulting parties in the section 106 process for this undertaking. Please direct all questions, comments, and correspondence no later than 15 October 2025 to MCBH_S4_CULTURAL_RESOURCES_SMB@USMC.MIL.