

SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE [<https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Offices-Staff/S-4-Installations-Logistics/Facilities/Environmental/>]

Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) is proposing to carry out Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Redundancy Construction and Upgrades at the existing WRF aboard MCBH in the District of Koʻolaupoko, Ahupuaʻa of Kaneohe, on the Island of Oʻahu, TMK 1-4-4-009:007. The proposed undertaking is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Draft EA will be available for public review from April 8 to May 8, 2025. Additional information on the project is currently available at: <https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources-Services/Pertinent-Information/Water-Reclamation-Facility-Upgrades-EA/>.

This undertaking would provide the WRF the ability to maintain full capacity during maintenance activities, adhere to water quality and disinfection standards, introduce new water reuse capabilities on base, and comply with tsunami design requirements. It would be completed over a three-year period from fiscal year (FY) 2025 through FY 2028 and would be carried out in phases to minimize disruptions and maintain operation of the current WRF, which is the only means for treating wastewater generated at the base. The project would also establish temporary contractor laydown areas, which would be restored to existing or better condition at the completion of the project.

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 800.4(b), previous investigations by qualified preservation professionals found no historic properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places within the 27-acre site that comprises the project's area of potential effects (APE). Investigation included background research, field investigation, and field survey in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification. Existing WRF structures and machinery include labs, sludge beds, sewage comminutors, digesters, chlorinators, fuel tanks, clarifiers, filters, ponds, storage, generators, pumps, and compressors installed between 1947 and 1989. Subsurface archaeological investigations within and north of the WRF site confirm the site is located on man-made filled land built from dredged material during initial base construction between 1939 and 1941; they found no archaeological evidence of any deposits or sites.

In accordance with Section 106 Implementing Regulations at 36 CFR 800.3(e) and (f), the Marine Corps seeks comments from the public on its determination that this undertaking would not affect historic properties that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and, in consultation with the Hawai'i State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), also seeks to identify other parties entitled to be consulting parties during this consultation. Specific information about the project, including documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(c), will be made available to members of the public who request the information from the contact below.

All questions, comments, and correspondence should be directed to **section106publicnotice@usmc.mil** no later than **17 April 2025**.