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Public review and comment period begins for the draft Environmental Assessment for Home

Basing MQ-9s and C-130s at MCBH

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII – The Marine Corps has completed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Home Basing of an MQ-9 Marine Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron and a KC-130J Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH).

The draft EA analyzes the impacts of home basing the aircraft at MCBH, including the effects caused by the aircraft themselves, the units' associated personnel, and the construction of required facilities.

The assessment includes a thorough review of potential impacts on noise, air quality, water resources, cultural resources, biological resources, public health and safety, and transportation. The full draft Environmental Assessment is available on the State of Hawaii's Environmental Review Program (ERP) website: https://planning.hawaii.gov/erp/ and is also available on the MCBH website: https://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Resources/Featured-Information/MQ9-KC130.

We are currently fielding comments from members of the public. Please address written comments to:

EV21 Project Mgr. MCB Hawaii Home Basing EA Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Pacific 258 Makalapa Dr. Ste 100 Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3134.

Comments may also be submitted via email to: NFPAC-Receive@navy.mil. The public comment period will end on September 7th.

Personnel from MCBH regularly engage with members of the community at various City and County of Honolulu Neighborhood Boards. During the months of August and September, a MCBH representative will attend the Kailua, Waimanalo, Kahaluu, Ewa, and Kaneohe neighborhood boards to engage with the public and discuss the EA. Specific neighborhood board dates and agendas can be found at: https://www.honolulu.gov/nco/boards.html.