

**The Navy has signed the Record of Decision for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation. All agency and public comments received throughout the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process were considered and helped the Navy make informed decisions.**

The ROD includes the following specific decisions:

- The preferred alternatives as defined within the FEIS for the relocation of Marine Corps personnel from Okinawa to Guam will be implemented:
  - Main base at NCTS Finegayan and family housing at the former FAA property/South Finegayan
  - Aviation activities at Andersen Air Force Base North Ramp
  - Waterfront operations at Apra Harbor
- The Navy will defer the decision on a specific location for a transient CVN berth in Apra Harbor and voluntarily collect additional data on marine resources in the two alternative site locations.
- The Army will implement its preferred alternative for placement of an Air Missile Defense Task Force should it be assigned this mission on Guam.

**Marine Corps Training:** The ROD notes that a decision regarding the placement of training ranges for the relocating Marines will be deferred pending completion of the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act.

**Mitigating Buildup Impacts:**

- Investments will be made to upgrade off-base utilities, the commercial port and public roads which will not only help the buildup, but also provide long-term benefit to the Guam community.
- Adaptive Program Management will be used to adjust the pace and sequencing of construction to stay within the limitations of Guam's infrastructure. This will result in a stretched out, more manageable construction timeline. The military, federal agencies, and Guam's leaders will coordinate to monitor the impacts to various resources and provide advice regarding if and how the pace of construction will be adjusted.
- The pace at which the Marines will arrive will be slowed. They will relocate to Guam as their required facilities are available.
- The potential peak population increase related to the buildup would be based on the ability of Guam's infrastructure to handle the construction workforce, arrival of Marines and other factors. The ultimate number of people who will come to Guam at any one time will be based on the island's infrastructure capacity.

**What's next?**

The ROD allows the award of construction contracts and execution of the relocation to begin. Actual construction will not begin for several months after the ROD, allowing time for a financing plan from the Government of Japan for utilities upgrades, the stand-up of the Civil-Military Coordination Council, and cultural resources consultations. Among the first projects to begin will be those which will help increase off-base infrastructure capacity and reliability, such as improvements to roads and the Port of Guam. Projects on-base will begin slowly and will not ramp up until the necessary upgrades to Guam's infrastructure are in place. The Civil-Military Coordination Council, which will be comprised of GovGuam, federal agency, and military representatives, will work together to adjust the pace of construction.