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Public Notice

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a consistency determination request from the United States Department of the Air Force (USAF)-Pacific Air Forces (HQ-PACAF) regarding the proposed Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements. In summary, the HQ-PACAF has developed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the following federal actions:

1. Construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian Seaport to the Tinian International Airport, to include associated infrastructure improvements at the Tinian Seaport.
2. Improve certain existing roads between the seaport and airport that were previously analyzed for Divert vehicles in the original EIS. The USAF has identified the East Route as the preferred alternative for the pipeline.

More information about the federal activities can be found at https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/SEIS-Tinian-Divert-Activities-Federal-Consistency_-12APR2019.pdf and <http://www.pacafdivertmarianaseis.com/documents>

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fourteen days (14) days, starting on June 19, 2019 and ending on July 3, 2019, in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.