

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF EARLY PUBLIC REVIEW FOR A PROPOSED ACTION

IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AT EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The United States Air Force (USAF) is proposing to relocate four KC-135 Stratotanker Aircraft and associated 255 active-duty supporting personnel to Eielson Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska, with the first aircraft expected to arrive in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The USAF has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act to consider potential impacts from the proposal to implement 19 projects that were identified as necessary to support the incoming aircraft and associated personnel and equipment. The USAF is issuing this notice to advise the public of the proposed development at Eielson AFB.

At this early stage of EA preparation, the proposed associated projects include facility construction, demolition, and renovation. The proposed construction of a 420,000 gallon fuel receipt tank (an estimated +26,000 square feet [SF] of impervious surface) behind an existing bulk fuel storage tank area is located within a floodplain. The proposed renovation/replacement of an existing de-icer tank (an estimated +0 SF of impervious surface) is also located within a floodplain. USAF would take steps to minimize the impact of floods on human safety, health, and welfare, and to preserve floodplains values. USAF would implement erosion and stormwater control best management practices during construction to minimize any disturbance within the floodplain.

This notice is required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order (EO) 11988 "Floodplain Management" and has been issued in accordance with 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 989.24(c) and USAF Instruction 32-7064 for actions proposed in floodplains. As part of the EA process, Eielson AFB will contact state and federal regulatory agencies, such as the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the State Historic Preservation Office, for their input and expertise on the Proposed Action with respect to potential floodplain and other impacts.

The USAF requests advance public comment to determine if there are any public concerns regarding the project's potential to impact floodplains. The Proposed Action will be analyzed in the forthcoming EA, which the public will also have opportunity to comment on when the draft is released. Comments regarding floodplain disturbance with respect to this proposal may be submitted to: Eielson AFB Public Affairs, 354 Broadway St, Suite 15A, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska 99702-2299 or email: 354fw.pa.publicaffairs@us.af.mil. The public comment period for floodplain comments ends March 22, 2022. This notice is also available for review at: <https://eielson.af.mil/General-Information/Environmental/>.

PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

Public commenting allows the USAF to make better, informed decisions. Letters or other written or oral comments provided may be published in the Environmental Assessment (EA). As required by law, comments provided will be addressed in the EA and made available to the public. Providing personal information is voluntary. Any personal information provided will be used only to identify your desire to make a statement during the public comment portion of any public meetings or hearings or to fulfill requests for copies of the EA or associated documents. Private addresses will be compiled to develop a mailing address for those requesting copies of the EA.

However, only the name of individuals making comments and the specific comments will be disclosed. Personal home addresses and phone numbers will not be published in the Final EA.