

# THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

## BACKGROUND OF NEPA

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 was enacted to address concerns about federal actions and their effects on the environment. NEPA's main objectives are as follows:

ENSURE	INFORM	ENCOURAGE & FACILITATE
analysis of proposed federal programs, projects, and actions before decision-making	the public of proposed federal activities that might affect environmental quality	public involvement in the decision-making process

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN EIS AND AN SEIS?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is the most detailed analysis prescribed by the regulations implementing NEPA.

A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is prepared after an EIS when:

- Substantial changes are made to a proposed action relevant to environmental concerns, or
- There are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns or bearing on the proposed action or its impacts, or
- The purposes of NEPA will be furthered by completion of the SEIS

## AN SEIS IS A DETAILED PUBLIC DOCUMENT, DESCRIBING:

- A proposed action
- All additional alternative actions that were considered
- Environmental impacts of implementing the proposed action and reasonable alternatives



## ← STEPS IN THE SEIS PROCESS

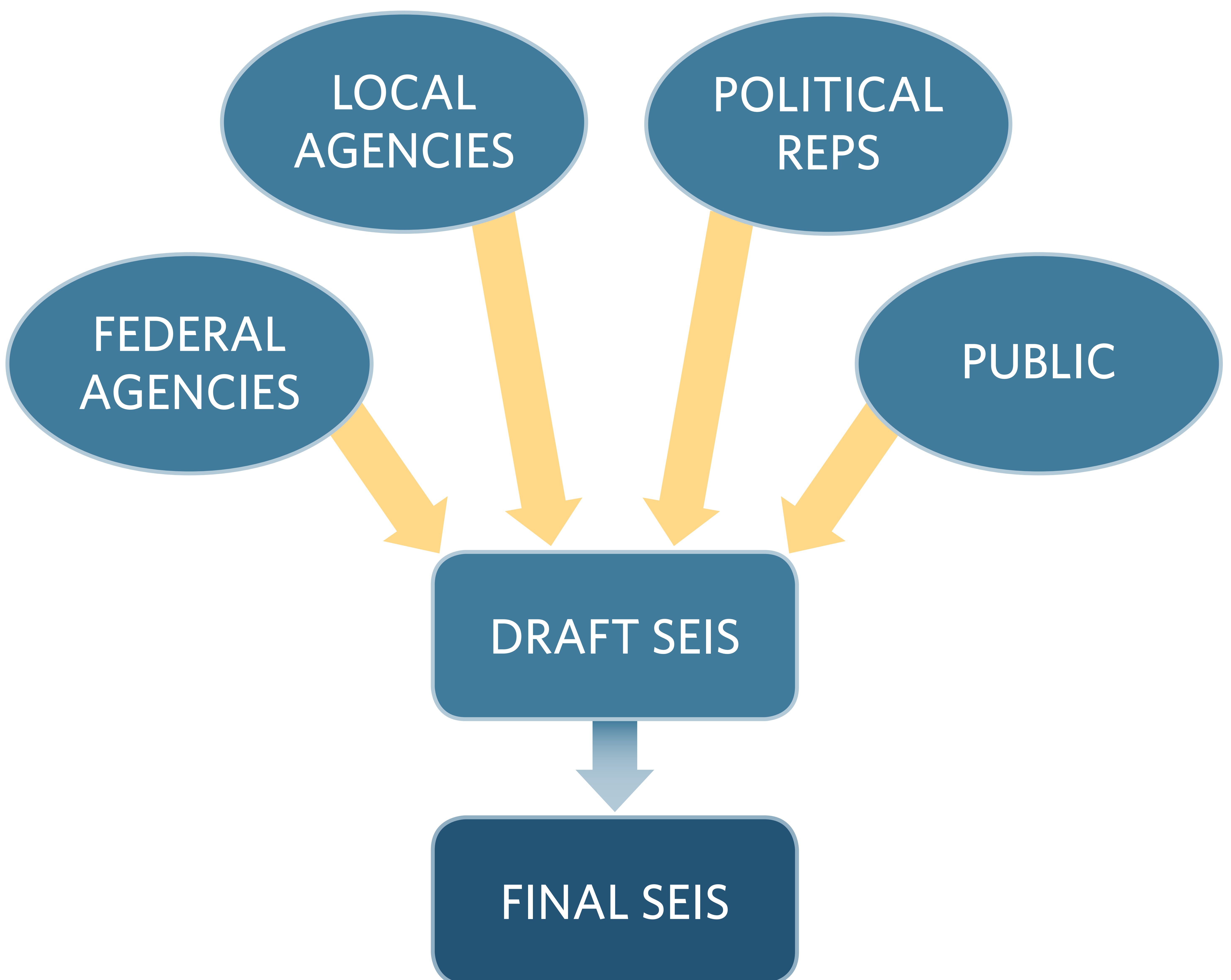
# PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

## WHAT IS THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT SEIS?

The public review period provides the public with an opportunity to review the Draft SEIS, which contains information on the proposed actions and alternatives, and potential impacts. During the public review period, the U.S. Air Force actively requests public comments on the topics addressed in the Draft SEIS for consideration in development of the Final SEIS.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PUBLIC REVIEW HAS ENDED?

After the public review period has ended, the U.S. Air Force will incorporate public input into the proposal and develop the Final SEIS. The Final SEIS is expected to be completed in Winter 2019/2020. A Record of Decision could be signed no sooner than 30 days after the Final SEIS is released.



# PROPOSED ACTIONS OVERVIEW

## BACKGROUND OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE TINIAN DIVERT PROJECT

**September 2016:** U.S. Air Force completes the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises.

**December 2016:** U.S. Air Force signs the Record of Decision which announces the decision to select the Modified Tinian Alternative and specifically the North Option to support cargo, tanker, and similar aircraft and associated support personnel for divert operations, periodic exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

**December 2016 to Present:** U.S. Air Force conducted further evaluation of fuel transfer methods and associated infrastructure, and of the existing surface roadway networks, on Tinian.

## TINIAN DIVERT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED ACTIONS

The Draft SEIS analyzes the potential environmental consequences from implementing the U.S. Air Force's Proposed Actions and alternatives to the actions.

The U.S. Air Force proposes two actions:

### FUEL PIPELINE AND SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

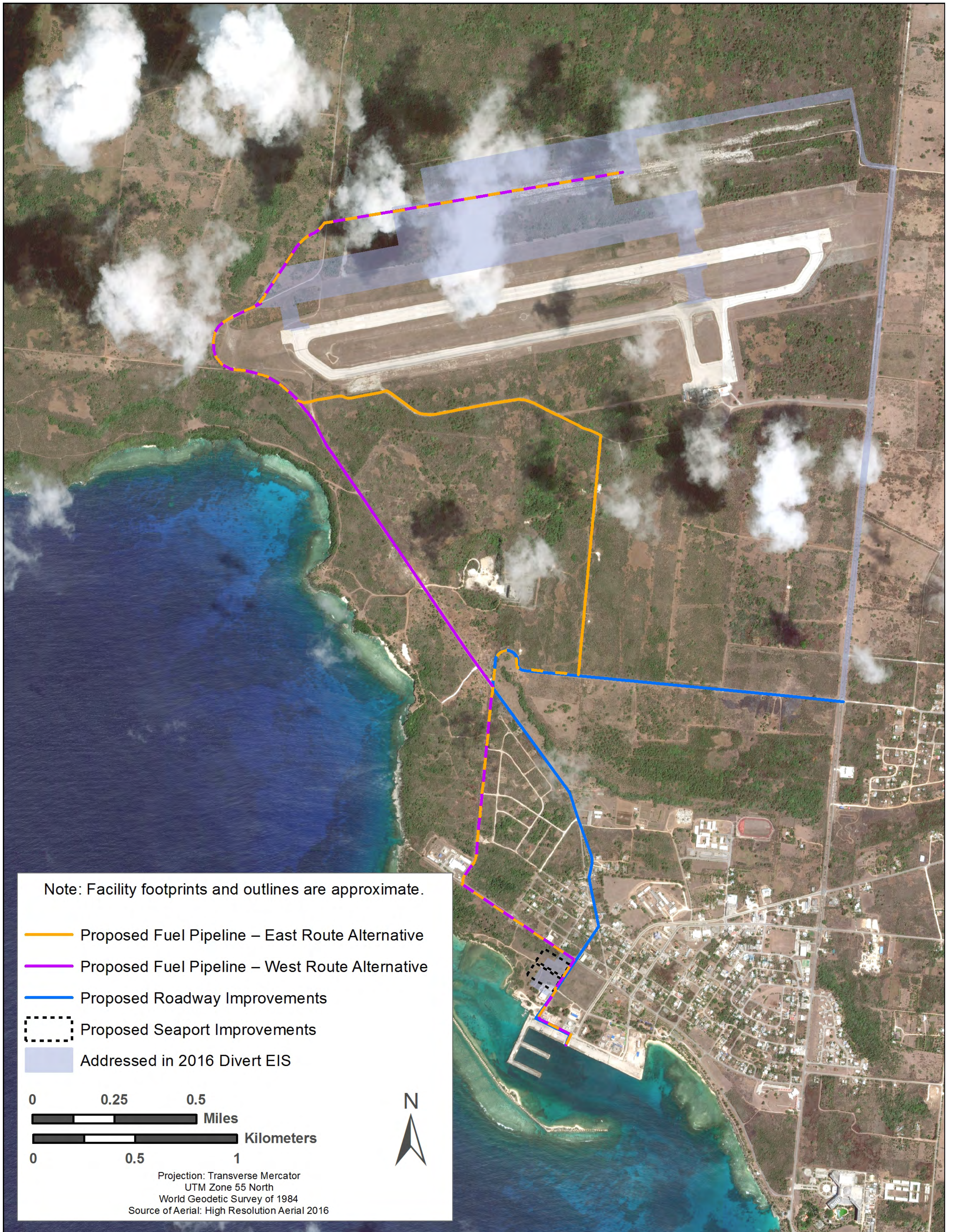
**Proposed Action:** Construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian seaport to the airport, and associated infrastructure at the seaport.

- The pipeline would be installed underground within a 20 foot utility easement. The U.S. Air Force is considering two routes from the seaport to the airport for the pipeline; the West route and the East route. The U.S. Air Force has identified the East route as the Preferred Alternative for the pipeline route.
- A booster pump house, boom storage building, and associated infrastructure would be constructed at the Tinian seaport in place of the two seaport fuel storage tanks proposed in the 2016 Divert EIS.
- The exact location of either pipeline route and the size of the support infrastructure could shift, within the scope and constraints of the environmental effects analysis presented in the Draft SEIS.
- The proposed pipeline would eliminate the need for bulk fuel storage tanks at the Tinian seaport and the need for fuel tanker trucks to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport, both analyzed in the 2016 Divert EIS.

### ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Proposed Action:** Improve certain existing roads between the seaport and airport on Divert-related transportation routes that were analyzed in the 2016 Divert EIS. Would include, where necessary, removing and replacing the existing deteriorated asphalt cap of the roadway.

# PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES







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# ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE ADDRESSED IN THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SEIS):





## NATURAL RESOURCES

-  Biological (terrestrial and marine) resources, including threatened and endangered species
-  Geology and soils
-  Water quality (surface water and stormwater)
-  Groundwater




## CULTURAL RESOURCES

-  Archaeological resources (prehistoric and historic)
-  Historic architectural resources
-  Traditional resources




## SOCIAL RESOURCES

-  Land use
-  Socioeconomics
-  Health and safety
-  Environmental Justice and other sensitive receptors

## INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Infrastructure and utilities
-  Transportation
-  Hazardous materials and waste

## OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

-  Noise
-  Air quality
-  Cumulative impacts

TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE SEIS INCORPORATES RELEVANT MATERIAL, BY REFERENCE, FROM THE 2016 FINAL EIS FOR DIVERT ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES.



# SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comments, suggestions, and relevant information are welcomed on the U.S. Air Force Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Please submit comments in English using one of the following methods:

## ✓ PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Make verbal comments on the record
- Submit written comments; a Chamorro/Carolinian interpreter is available to assist with translation of comments into English

## ✓ MAIL:

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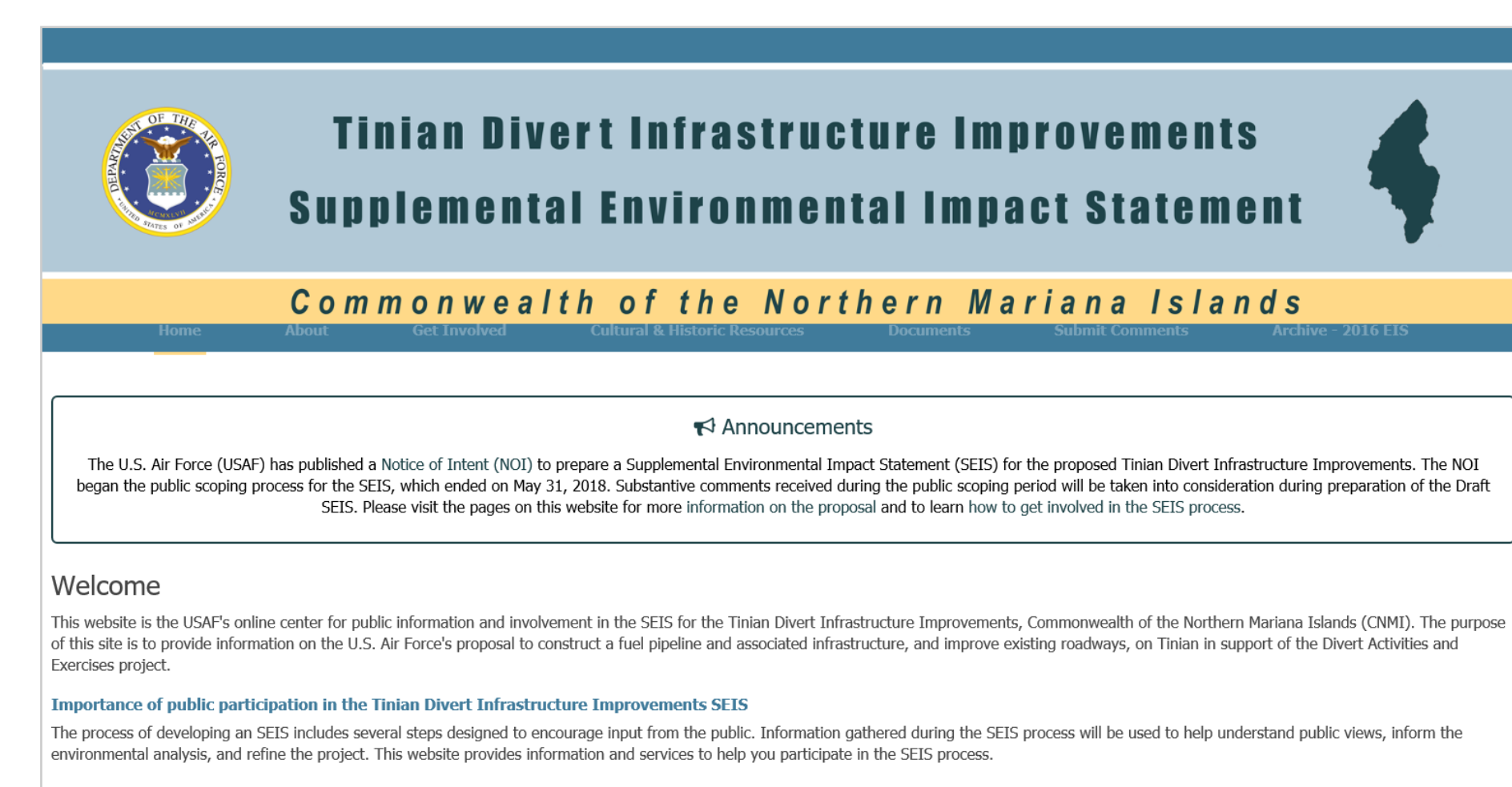
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## ✓ PROJECT WEBSITE:

[www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com](http://www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com)



The U.S. Air Force also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800) regarding the identification of or effects on historic properties, and requests to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process.

**TO ENSURE THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL COMMENTS BY JULY 1, 2019.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE TINIAN DIVERT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS.**