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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

RELOCATION OF THE DEFENSE NON-TACTICAL GENERATOR AND RAIL EQUIPMENT CENTER

1. PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action and subject of the environmental assessment (EA), which is hereby incorporated by reference, is the relocation of the current Defense Non-tactical Generator and Rail Equipment Center (DGRC) mission from Hill Air Force Base (AFB) to one of four Army Organic Industrial Base (OIB) installations—Anniston Army Depot (ANAD), McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP), Red River Army Depot (RRAD), or Tooele Army Depot (TEAD). The proposed relocation would involve a combination of existing facility renovation, new construction, and demolition and the subsequent operation of the new DGRC.

2. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Five alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, were evaluated for implementing the proposed action. The Army would relocate the DGRC under Alternative A to ANAD, under Alternative B to MCAAP, under Alternative C to RRAD, and under Alternative D to TEAD. The EA characterizes the impacts on the environment and human health that would likely result from relocating the DGRC under alternatives A through D and the No Action Alternative.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES AND MITIGATION MEASURES: A detailed analysis of the impacts to the following resources was conducted: land use, aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomics, traffic and transportation, utilities and solid waste, and hazardous and toxic substances. The analysis in the EA indicates that implementing the proposed action under alternative A through D will have no greater than minor to moderate adverse impacts on the resource areas fully evaluated and will have no significant adverse cumulative impacts. To protect potential wetlands at RRAD, the Army would survey the proposed site for wetlands and comply with the terms of a Clean Water Act section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including avoiding, minimizing and mitigating impacts as necessary. At ANAD, a new memorandum of agreement protective of continued operations of historic buildings within the Nichols Industrial Complex is being prepared. Because impacts to all resource areas for each alternative were determined to be below the level of significance, no mitigation measures, other than those mentioned above for RRAD and ANAD, are required. The mitigation measures at RRAD or ANAD will be realized only if the proposed action is implemented at either installation. Best management practices, however, will be implemented at the selected installation during construction and operation of the DGRC.

4. FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: The EA considered the nature of the proposed action, the environmental factors at each potential installation and the individual sites considered for implementing the proposed action, and the likely environmental impacts, including cumulative impacts, on all relevant resource areas associated with implementing the proposed action.

5. PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: The EA and draft finding of no significant impact (FNSI) are available for public review and comment from September 15, 2016 to October 18, 2016. A notice of availability of the documents was advertised in newspapers local to each proposed installation and Hill AFB and included the *Anniston Star* and *Daily Home* (ANAD), the *McAlester News-Capital* (MCAAP), *Texarkana Gazette* (RRAD), *Tooele Transcript* (TEAD), and the *Hilltop*

Times and *Ogden Standard Examiner*. The notice of availability was advertised in the *Tooele Transcript* and the *Hilltop Times* on September 15, 2016, and in the remaining papers on September 18, 2016. The documents are available by accessing the U.S. Army Materiel Command environmental Web page at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/environmental.html>. Copies also are available for review at the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County, 108 East 10th Street, Anniston, AL 36201 (ANAD); McAlester Public Library, 401 N 2nd Street, McAlester, OK 74501 (MCAAP); Tooele City Public Library, 128 W Vine St, Tooele, UT 84074 (TEAD); and Bowie County Courthouse, 710 James Bowie Drive, New Boston, TX 75570 (RRAD). Interested parties are encouraged and invited to submit comments on the EA and draft FNSI by standard mail to Julie Halstead, HQAMC G-3/4 Environmental Division, AMCOL-IE, 4400 Martin Road, Huntsville, AL 35989, or by electronic mail using the HQAMC environmental webpage mailbox at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/environmental.html> or the HQAMC organizational email at usarmy.redstone.usamc.mbx.amc-environmental@mail.mil.

6. CONCLUSIONS: Based upon my review of the facts, the analysis presented in the EA, and the public comments received, I have preliminarily concluded that implementing the proposed action at either Army OIB installation ANAD, MCAAP, RRAD, or TEAD would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment; and that, consequently, the analysis in the EA supports a finding of no significant impact. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act is not anticipated. A final determination as to whether to proceed with the proposed action, issue a final FNSI, or issue a notice of intent to prepare an EIS will not be made until the public review and comment period has closed, and any comments submitted have been considered and addressed.

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