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After reviewing the Draft SEIS, Guam Homeland Security / Office of Civil Defense (GHS / OCD) finds little negative impact to the island of Guam in terms of Emergency Management. The Draft SEIS does not list GHS / OCD as Public Service Agency that would be affected by increased population (Page 4-138, Table 4.1.15-12 and Table 4.1.15-13).

1. Under critical infrastructure, in discussion with Engineers John Cruz (GPA) and Tom Cruz (GWA), power and water will accommodate the population increase forecasted by the Draft SEIS.
2. One assumption is that the military continues to provide essential services to its personnel such as medical, dental, education, hazardous waste removal, etc. During an emergency within the installation, DoD will respond with Government of Guam in support as required. If incident, involving the military, occurs outside or affects outside the installation, DoD will act as the responsible party to support Government of Guam Operations.
3. Road network into the facilities may need to be upgraded. Route 1 / Route 3 Intersection can be impacted with the increase traffic to NCTAMS and Northwest Field (NWF) as well as the new hospital being built in the area. DPW has authorization to build a design to handle the increased traffic. If housing is in NCTAMS or AAFB but LFTRC is other than NWF, road network will be impacted by military convoys, depending on the route they take. If housing is in Barrigada, traffic will be impacted at Route 8 / Route 16 Intersection during peak hours and military convoys.
4. One possible benefit to the island of Guam, with the increased build up, is a potential increased in emergency capabilities through Mutual Aid Agreement and during a terrorist attack, greater number of security forces on Guam available to respond to the immediate threat, through Joint Region Marianas. Areas such as debris removal, medical support, psychiatric care for 1st responders, transportation and security can be augmented by forces in the military such as Engineer units, unit medics, chaplains, transportation, and infantry forces respectively.
5. One area that might be impacted is the cost to agencies, such as GPD, GFD, CQA, DYA and DOC, to operate. These agencies are part of the Essential Services Functions (ESF) 4, 9 and 13 during an emergency under NIMS. This increased cost is on the assumption that there will be an increase in rescue and safety operations performed by Government of Guam Agencies. The respective agencies will be better equipped to answer their issues with regards to build up and its impact during an emergency. GHS / OCD will be impacted by the increased number of responses.

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