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The NBGTS APE is situated on the limestone plateau above the western cliffs of northern Guam. The plateau, which rises from 120 to 150 meters (400 to 500 feet) above mean sea level (amsl), is relatively flat, although there are localized raised and depressed areas caused by differential solution of the limestone bedrock below the soil layer.

The total APE for J-001B is 350.82 hectares (866.9 acres).

**IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:**

**Scope of DoD Identification Efforts**

In planning for the Undertaking, the Department of Defense (DoD) first conducted a data gap analysis to determine the need for supplemental identification and evaluation surveys and then conducted those surveys. In consultation with the Guam SHPO, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Park Service (NPS) and Concurring Parties to the 2011 Programmatic Agreement (2011 PA), the DoD has applied the results of those identification efforts to the siting/lay down of individual projects to avoid and minimize effects to historic properties to the extent practical. DoD has provided documentation of these efforts to the Signatories and Invited Signatories via Appendices D and E of the 2011 PA.

DoD surveys and evaluations have focused on project-specific APEs, defined consistent with 36 CFR §800.16(d) to include those portions of the island of Guam and Tinian subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking, based on the July 2010 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation.

In addition to the archaeological and architectural surveys and evaluations, DoD has completed extensive archival research and oral history studies and interviews to identify traditional cultural properties, places, sacred sites, and culturally important natural resources such as the *numu*, *da’ok*, *dokdok*, and *ifit* trees, and medicinal plants.

More specifically, the entirety of the J-001B APE has been subject to one or more of the historic property identification efforts listed in 36 CFR §800.4(b)(1), which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation and field survey. As such, results of identification and evaluation efforts for the J-001B APE can be found in the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources conducted prior to, or in support of the 2010 FEIS.

Athens, J.S.

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Reinman, F.  

Welch, D.  

Results of the above studies indicate that eight historic properties are located within the J-001B APE:

**Historic Property 1** is comprised of an early 20th century water catchment cistern.

**Historic Property 2** is a WWII era encampment.

**Historic Property 3** is a large previously bulldozed pre-Contact habitation site and artifact scatter.

**Historic Property 4** is a WWII era Seabee Camp.

**Historic Property 5** is a pre-Contact artifact scatter.

**Historic Property 6** is a probable pre-Contact midden deposit.

**Historic Property 7** is a probable pre-Contact midden deposit and habitation site.

**Historic Property 8** is a probable pre-Contact midden deposit.

**DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:**

Pending input from consulting parties and the public, the DoD has determined that eight sites within the J-001B APE are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D due to their potential to yield information important to prehistory or history.

**DETERMINATION OF EFFECT:**

The DoD has determined that eight historic properties will be adversely affected by the proposed
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J-001B U&SI Mass Grub and Grade, Phase 1 (GoJ)

- J-001 APE (2011)
- Impact Footprint (J-001B)

U&SI Impact Area = 867 Ac

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