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PROJECT LOCATION:
The J-609 project is located within the Apra Harbor area at Naval Base Guam (Figure 1). Apra Harbor is located within the bounds of the 4,500 acre Navy Main Base on the west-central coast of Guam.

The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is bordered on the south by Marine Corps Drive, Harbor Drive on the east, and Sumay Drive to the west. The access road will continue north on an improved Harbor Drive and service roads parallel to Sumay Drive, which will be located to the west.

The total APE for J-609 is 17.1 hectares (42.2 acres) (see Figure 1).

IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

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. This proposed project was determined to be sufficiently surveyed and evaluated.

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 subject to direct and indirect effects of projects included in the Undertaking. Both architectural and archaeological assessments have been completed.

More specifically, the APE for J-609 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 in the vicinity of, and including the APE for the project can be found in the following original studies of cultural and/or historic resources (Figure 2):

Carrell, Toni
1991  _Micronesia Submerged Cultural Resources Assessment_. Submerged Cultural Resources Unit, National Park Service, Santa Fe., New Mexico.

Dixon, B., D. Gosser, L. Gilda, and T. Torres

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Results of the above identification efforts indicate that no historic properties have been identified within the J-609 APE. The entire Apra Harbor area was extensively destroyed during World War II and in restoration after the war, whereby it is now comprised primarily of fill dredged from Apra Harbor. In addition, the APE has been the subject of multiple archaeological surveys.

In accordance with Stipulation VI.F. of the PA, the DoD has retained a full-time Archaeologist to provide site checks, oversee coordination and execution of the archaeological mitigation measures in the PA and to provide quality control. This individual is on-staff at Marine Corps Base Camp
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FIGURE 1

J-609 Apra Embark Facilities at Naval Base Guam - Construction Area

Legend

- J-609 (Apra Embark Ops.)
  Project Area (APE)
- Military Installations
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