

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District

## **Public Notice**

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Reply to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Guam Regulatory Branch
PSC 455, Box 188
FPO AP 96540-1088

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## APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

APPLICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT FOR SHORELINE REVETMENT AT POLARIS POINT, MAIN NAVY BASE, GUAM

- APPLICANT: Department of the Navy, COMANREGMARIANAS
   APPLICANT'S AGENT: Mary F. Hogan, DZSP 21, Environmental Office
- 2. <u>APPLICABLE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES</u>: Section 10, River and Harbor Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).
- 3. <u>LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY</u>: Polaris Point Beach, Guam Main Navy Base, Guam, North 13° 26 min. 43.3 sec., East 144° 40 min. 18.8 sec
- 4. <u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY</u>: To place 1450 linear feet of shoreline revetment in order to prevent further erosion and to repair 160 linear feet of previously authorized shoreline revetment. This fill would not extend more than five feet from the existing high water line. A total of 1,073 cubic yards of clean quarried material would be used as fill for this project.

All work would conform to the attached drawings (5 sheets) entitled "Repair Eroded Seawall at Bldg. 4446 Polaris Point, CNM, Guam" dated 09/19/2006 and 11/30/2006.

5. <u>IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT</u>: The project is not expected to have any impact on the Essential Fish Habitat zone around Guam. The project impacts were adequately addressed in the Record of Categorical Exclusion, dated June 09, 2006, and signed by the Navy on June 26, 2006. The project will result in temporary suspension of fine sediments that will be confined to the immediate vicinity of the project by suitable silt containment devices. The listed Green Sea Turtle, *Chelonia mydas* and Hawksbill Sea Turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata*, may be found in the surrounding waters. There is no sea turtle nesting in or around the project site, there are no food resources for the turtles nearby and the equipment to be used for the placement of the fill will generate noise that will keep these species away from the project vicinity. These three factors will result in this project having no impact on these listed species. Should the species be seen in the project vicinity, in water work will stop until the species depart the area of their own accord.

- 6. <u>IMPACTS ON CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The latest National Register of Historic Places was consulted. No historical or archaeological sites listed on or considered eligible for inclusion on the National Register are located at the proposed project site. A copy of this notice was sent to the Guam Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. National Park Service for their review and comment in conformance with Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act.
- 7. <u>IMPACTS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: The latest list of threatened and endangered species was consulted. The Green Sea Turtle, *Chelonia mydas* and Hawksbill Sea Turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata*, may be found in the surrounding waters. The project will have no impact on these listed species because there is no sea turtle nesting in or around the project site, there are no food resources for the turtles nearby and the equipment to be used for the placement of the fill will generate noise. A copy of this notice was sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service for their review and comment in conformance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.
- 8. <u>OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATIONS</u>: The applicant is required to obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Guam Environmental Protection Agency. The applicant is not required to obtain a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Statement as the project is located entirely on federal land and the applicant has determine that the project impacts will not extend off of federal land.

The Department of the Army permit does not obviate the need for the applicant to obtain other Federal, State or local authorizations required by Federal, State or local laws.

- 9. <u>EVALUATION FACTORS</u>: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both the protection and the utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The evaluation will apply the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.
- 10. <u>COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES</u>: The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental

Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Interested parties may submit in writing any comments that they may have on the proposed activity. Comments should be submitted to this District no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Written inquiries and comments should be mailed to the address indicated in the letterhead and should make reference to this public notice number.

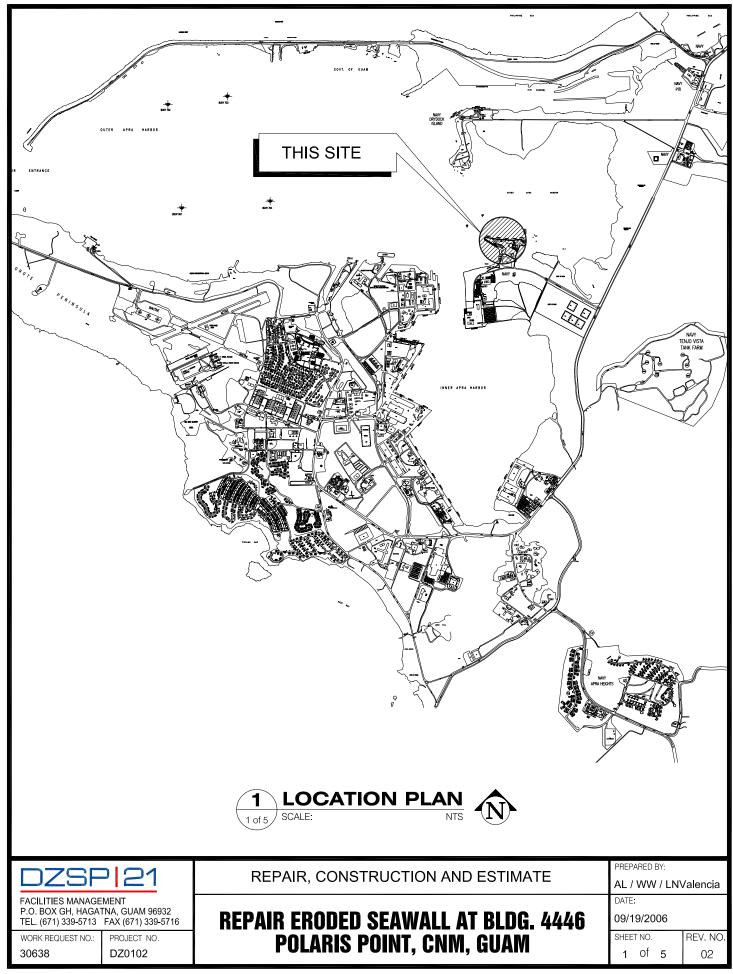
Further information may be obtained from the Guam Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PSC 455, Box 188, FPO AP 96540-1088 or by telephone (671) 339-2108, by fax at (671) 339-2306 or by e-mail at:

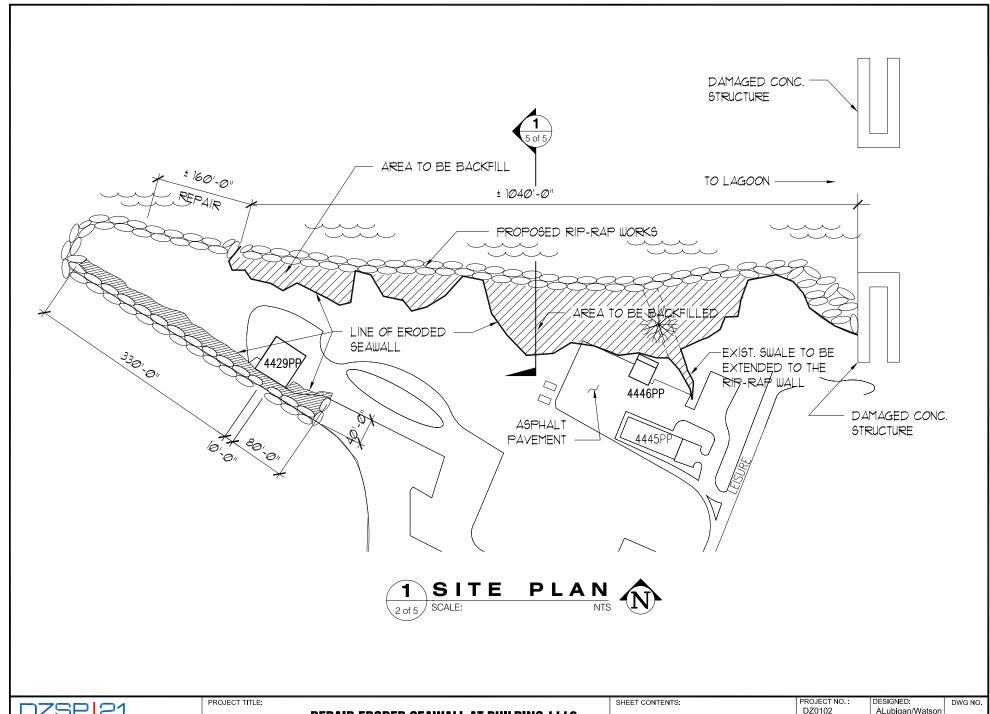
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It is Corps of Engineers policy that any objections will be forwarded to the applicant for resolution or rebuttal before a final decision is made on the application. If the objecting party so requests, all personal information will be deleted from the forwarded letter or the objections will be paraphrased in summary form.

11. <u>REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Within 30 days from the date of this notice, any person may request, in writing, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, hold a public hearing to consider this Department of the Army permit application. Requests for public hearings shall state clearly and concisely, the reasons and rationale for wanting to hold a public hearing.

Encl Drawings (5 sheets)





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REPAIR ERODED SEAWALL AT BUILDING 4446

POLARIS POINT, CNM, GUAM

SITE PLAN

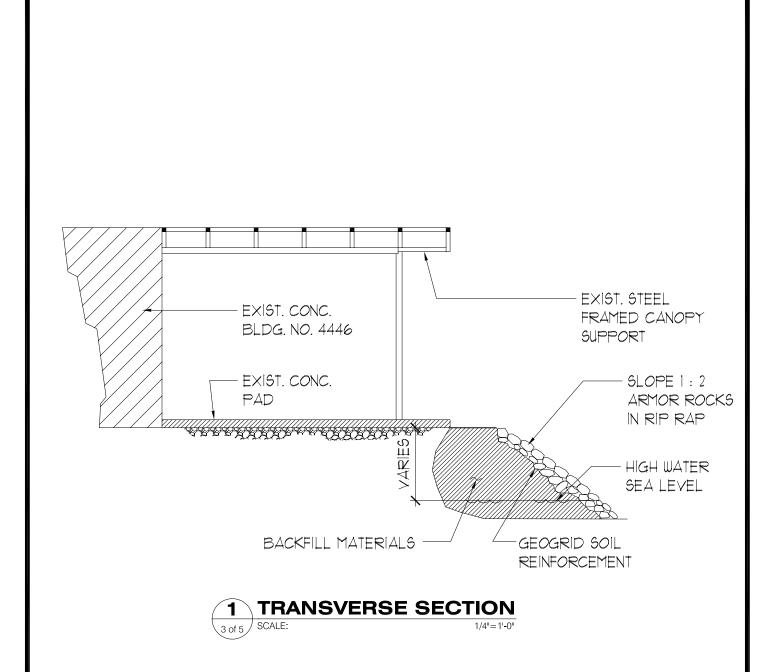
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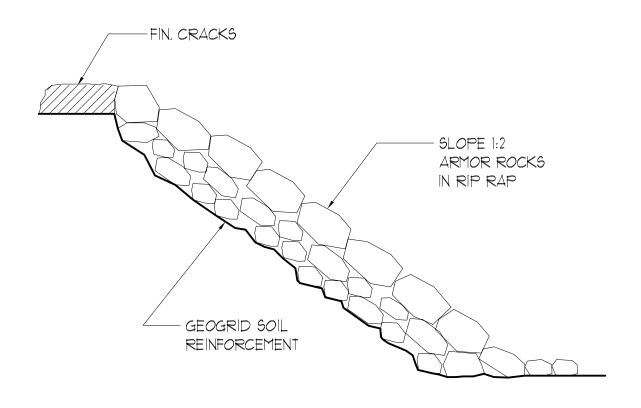
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