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Army Corps invites public comment on shoreline protection plan at Ofu Airport

HONOLULU, (May 22, 2023) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Honolulu District, in partnership with the American Samoa Department of Port Administration (DPA) is announcing the release of a Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) which identifies a proposed plan for shoreline protection at the Ofu Airport in American Samoa.

The tentative plan will address coastline erosion at the west bank of the Ofu Airport located in the Manu'a Islands, which is a part of American Samoa. Coastal erosion impacting the runway safety area has accelerated in recent years, because of tropical storms and king tides. Without emergency shoreline protection the damage could potentially impact air access to Ofu and Olosega Islands.

The Ofu Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Section 14 study is administered under the Flood Control Act of 1946, which authorizes USACE to study, design, and construct emergency streambank and shoreline works used to protect public facilities.

Concurrent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of this project, USACE is conducting a review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and invites the public to comment on identification and impact to any historic properties.

A 30-day public comment period runs from **May 22 through June 21, 2023**.

Written comments may be submitted as follows:

E-Mail: CEPOH-Planning@usace.army.mil
Postal Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District
ATTN: CEPOH-PPC (Ofu)
230 Otake St.
Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5440

The public is invited to attend a meeting either in-person or virtually, Wed. May 31, 3 p.m. SST (or 4 p.m. HST) to discuss findings, ask questions and provide comments on the Draft IFR/EA.

In-person meeting locations:

- Ofu Airport ARFF Building, Ofu Island
- Pago Pago International Airport, Conference Room, Tafuna, Tutuila

Virtual via Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/znn-hpch-aim>

Dial (U.S.): +1-617-675-4444

PIN: 715 816 963 1593#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/znn-hpch-aim?pin=7158169631593>



Visit Study Website:

The Draft IFR/EA can be accessed at the study website located at:
<https://www.poh.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Civil-Works-Projects/Ofu-Section-14/>

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Photo of Ofu Airport's west bank (Runway 8) prior to king tide occurring on July 13, 2022. *Photo Courtesy of American Samoa, Department of Port Administration.*



Photo of Ofu Airport's west bank (Runway 8) following king tide damages July 14, 2022. *Photo Courtesy of American Samoa, Department of Port Administration.*

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