

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

**CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND DECOMMISSIONING OF
PHOTOVOLTAIC AND NATURAL GAS ENERGY GENERATION
FACILITIES AT MARINE CORPS BASE (MCB) CAMP PENDLETON,
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

The United States Marine Corps (USMC) is preparing an SEA to analyze the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to add battery energy storage systems to the Stuart Mesa solar photovoltaic (PV) system site that was analyzed in a 2015 Environmental Assessment (but not yet constructed). In addition, this SEA includes the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a natural gas power plant in either the 24 or 26 Areas on MCB Camp Pendleton and associated utility infrastructure improvements to support MCB Camp Pendleton's energy resiliency requirements. The two energy generating facilities (PV and natural gas) are both included in the Proposed Action. The Department of the Navy (DoN) and a private partner would enter into an agreement to allow the private partner to lease DoN land to construct, operate, own, and eventually decommission the solar PV and battery energy storage systems and the natural gas power plant. Once the facilities are operational, the private partner would sell the power to regional customers, but in case of regional grid failure, there would also be the capability to feed the electricity into MCB Camp Pendleton's electrical grid. The SEA is expected to be completed in 2020.

The environmental analysis under NEPA has not been completed, however the first two chapters of the SEA, the Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA), can be downloaded at <https://www.pendleton.marines.mil/Staff-Agencies/Environmental-Security/>.

The USMC is requesting public input on the scope of analysis and environmental resources to be considered in the SEA for the proposed action. The SEA will be used to determine whether a Finding of No Significant Impact will be prepared, or if an Environmental Impact Statement is required. Electronic or written comments concerning the proposed action will be accepted through **December 9, 2019**.

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