



ISSUES RAISED BY THE IMPENDING RELOCATION OF U.S. MILITARY TROOPS TO GUAM

Guam delegate to the U.S. Congress Hon. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, raised the following issues on the planned relocation of the U.S. Marine's Third Marine Expeditionary Force to Guam in a Congressional Address on 16 February 2010:

- The draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has many deficiencies, with issues ranging from the lack of a comprehensive plan to house foreign workers to the lack of a plan to deal with the dredged material collected during the wharf expansion;
- Congresswoman Bordallo cited six (6) major concerns:
 - Limitation by the U.S. Navy of all military expansions within Defense Department properties in the island;
 - Opposition to any federal effort to acquire additional land by eminent domain;
 - Carrier berth plans in Apra Harbor that will result in significant loss of coral;
 - Need for more federal assistance and a clear strategy for improving the island's roads, schools, water and wastewater and Guam's only seaport which will support the buildup;
 - Lack of a detailed plan for housing and health care for temporary workers; and
 - Rewriting of the socio-economic impacts of the buildup to factually address the impacts.

Guam Governor Felix Camacho and Speaker of the Guam Legislature Senator Judith Won Pat both said Bordallo's speech underscored the issues they have also raised recently.