

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PARTIES

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SUBJECT: Final Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) & Draft Finding of No Significant

Impact (FONSI)/Finding of No Practicable Alternative (FONPA) for the Replacement of Overhead and Underground Distribution Line, Feeder D1 at

Vandenberg Air Force Base, California

- Attached as public and agency notification, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and implementing regulations of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, are the Final Draft EA and FONSI/FONPA for the Replacement of Overhead and Underground Distribution Line, Feeder D1 Project at Vandenberg Air Force Base.
- 2. This Final Draft EA is available at the Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara Public Libraries. The Proposed Action includes demolition and replacement of existing electrical distribution lines and construction of new overhead electrical distribution lines. The new overhead electrical distribution lines will be adjacent to existing roads to the extent feasible, thus providing easy access and facilitating regular maintenance. These replacements are needed because existing conditions do not provide a reliable power source required by Vandenberg AFB's launch and range mission. As a result, many mission critical facilities are vulnerable to interruption of the main power supply or catastrophic powerline failure, which could result in a delay or cancellation of national defense missions. Resources analyzed in the Final Draft EA include air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and earth resources, land use and coastal zone resources, noise, public health and safety, and water resources. The Final Draft EA and Final Draft FONSI conclude that there will be no significant environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action.
- 3. The public comment period for the Final Draft EA and Final Draft FONSI will be from December 6, 2019 - January 6, 2019. Comments may be sent to the above address attention of Ms. Tracy Curry-Bumpass, e-mailed to tracy.curry-bumpass@us.af.mil, or faxed to 805/606-6137. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tracy Curry-Bumpass at (805) 606-2044.

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Attachments:

Final Draft EA and FONSI/FONPA for the Replacement of Overhead and Underground Distribution Line, Feeder D1 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California