

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
EXPLOSIVES RANGE EXPANSION, FLETC

Finding of No Significant Impact

1. Name of Action. Proposed explosives range modification for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Glynco, Georgia.

2. Description. The project would involve construction of a classroom building, ammunition/explosives storage bunkers and associated site improvements. The building would be at the location of the existing explosives range trailer at the northeast quadrant of the FLETC property, east of the driver training course. The proposed ammunition storage bunkers would be at the northeast edge of the property. Various basic and advanced explosives and arson training program would be implemented. The present dirt road access portion would be paved. The proposed classroom would be located to provide optimum access to the viewing area and would be designed for classroom demonstration. Parking, sidewalks, and covered loading would be included. The viewing area would be finished and enlarged to accommodate a larger viewing audience, and protect them from the elements. The emergency wash station would be connected to a pressure water supply and located to provide better access and ease of use with the demonstration area. Utilities, including water, electricity, and septic tank/drain field would be installed. The ammunition/explosives storage bunkers would be located 1200' from the main complex. Two of the three bunkers will require concrete revetment (8" thick cast-in-place concrete, 3' higher than the top of the bunker) for safety purposes. Earth berms, security fencing, lighting and intrusion alarms would be installed.

3. Alternatives. Alternatives considered included (1) the proposed action, (2) other locations, (3) build selected elements, and (4) no action (status quo).

4. Anticipated Environmental Effects.

a. Impacts. The proposed explosives range modification would provide adequate, organized, and efficient explosives training components. It would be utilized as the central stand-alone explosives training area and classroom complex. The proposed action would not impact any federally listed (endangered, threatened, or status review) species. Cultural resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Properties will not be impacted by the project. The proposed action would have only minor impacts on waters of the United States or forested habitat. The relative merits of the proposed action and alternatives are discussed in the Environmental Assessment.

b. Mitigation. The proposed action would have only minor environmental impacts. Project mitigation would consist of appropriate project siting to minimize impacts on special aquatic sites, other waters of the United States, and wooded habitat and appropriate measures for control of erosion, sedimentation, and storm water runoff and other appropriate design, best management practices, and maintenance (see Environmental Assessment for detailed discussion). Appropriate measures will be taken to mitigate impacts on any eligible historic/cultural resources that may be encountered (avoid, minimize, and/or data recovery).

5. Finding of No Significant Impact. The attached Environmental Assessment was prepared and evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). I have concluded that the proposed explosives range modifications (further described in the Environmental Assessment) do not constitute a "major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment" when considered individually or cumulatively in the context of the referenced act including both direct and indirect impacts. Therefore, the preparation of a more detailed environmental document, an Environmental Impact Statement, is not required.

6. Public Comment.

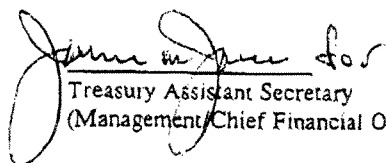
a. Distribution. As a matter of local or regional interest and in accordance with part 1501.4(e)(1) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, a notice of availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact will be distributed to agencies, elected officials, organizations, and individuals who have expressed an interest in the project and others whom the proponent and preparers deem appropriate (i.e. adjacent property owners and area news media). In addition, a news release announcing these documents will be issued. See Appendix D of the Environmental Assessment for the News Release, Public Notice, and Distribution List for the Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact.

b. Availability of Referenced Documents. The Environmental Assessment, the Finding of No Significant Impact, and documents referenced therein will be available at the Glynn County Public Library located at 208 Gloucester Street, in Brunswick, Georgia during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

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