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Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: Apengahg St. and Ghilis St. Road and Drainage Improvement Project

Responsible Entity: Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

State/Local Identifier: 854856277

Preparer: Wilfred Villagomez, Project Supervisor

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Consultant (if applicable): None

Direct Comments to: Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp; Fax: (670)234-9021

Project Location:

Apengahg Street and Ghilis Street, Oleai, Saipan, MP 9605

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The DPW proposed road improvement and drainage is located from Beach Road Main Highway in front of the entrance to the Commonwealth Development Authority and the road leading to San Jose Church also known as Ghilis Street. This project also includes the road on front of San Jose Church also know as Apengahg Street. This proposed project is to elevate the roadway and construct the drainage system. This is also to construct a curb and gutter and the installation of a traffic control plan. The road will be resurfaced and backfilled then elevated to create a control drain distribution and then asphalt paving. All of this improvement package creates a more uniformed drainage system that prevents future problems from recurring.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commonwealth Ports Authority has determined the project site is free from the runway clear zones.
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Coastal Resources Management has determined that the project potential effects to coastal resources are likely to be less than significant adverse effect to coastal resources, adjacent commercial operations and residents, and to vehicular traffic that rely on this route for their day to day transportation needs. Project is not partially or wholly situated within CRM's designated area of particular concern nor is it situated on or near an environmentally sensitive or conservation area. *Contractors shall apply the necessary permits prior to any construction work.*
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Department of Public Works has determined that the project is not located in the special flood hazard area.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5		
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) has concurred with the determination of the NMHC that there will be no impact on the air quality for the project. *Prior to construction the contractor is required to obtain permits from the BECQ.*
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Coastal Resources Management has determined that the project potential effects to coastal resources are likely to be less than significant. *Contractors shall obtain the necessary permits prior to any construction activities.*
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) has concurred with the determination of the NMHC that there is no

(4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	Pursuant to the zoning regulations the project activity is acceptable.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	The soil suitability of the proposed project is suitable for the project. The project will consist of road resurfacing and installation of drainage system to ensure proper flow of runoff water to prevent flooding at the project site.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	The proposed project would involve resurfacing of the existing road and installation of drainage system to prevent flooding during the raining season. Contractors obtaining a permit must adhere to the permitting requirements such as construction safety and noise.
Energy Consumption	2	The construction activity may require little to no use of energy besides equipment that requires the use of fossil fuels and electrical generator.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	No Adverse impact are anticipated from the project on employment and income within the project area.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	There are no character changes or displacement for this project. The project will mitigate the flooding issue at the project site.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	There is no adverse impact on educational and cultural facilities.
Commercial Facilities	2	There is no adverse impact on commercial facilities.
Health Care and Social Services	2	There is no adverse impact on Health Care and Social Services facilities.

Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	There is no adverse impact on Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling facilities.
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	There is no adverse impact on Waste Water and Sanitary Sewer facilities.
Water Supply	2	There is no adverse impact on Water Supply facilities.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	There is no adverse impact on Public Safety Services.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	There is no adverse impact on Parks, Open Space and Recreation facilities.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	There is no adverse impact on Transportation and Accessibility services.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	There is no adverse impact on the Unique Natural Features and Water Resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	There is no adverse impact on Vegetation and Wildlife.
Other Factors	2	State laws and regulations requires all construction activities to go through a permit process.

Additional Studies Performed:

None

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): April 2, 2021 by Wilfred Villagomez

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

1. Department of Public Works (DPW)
2. Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ)
3. Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
4. Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)
5. USDA
6. Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)
7. Zoning Office

List of Permits Obtained:

	monitoring, data recovery and mitigation work to mitigate project related impacts to historic properties.

Determination:

☒ **Finding of No Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]

The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

☐ **Finding of Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]

The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Preparer Signature:  Date: 4/22/2021

Name/Title/Organization: Wilfred Villagomez, CDBG-DR Project Supervisor, NMHC

Reviewed by:  4/22/21
Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer, NMHC

Certifying Officer Signature:  Date: 4/22/2021

Name/Title: Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
ISLAND OF SAIPAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MP 96950
TECHNICAL SERVICE DIVISION

APENGAGH ST. & GILIS ST. ROAD AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

OLEAI, SAIPAN MP 96950

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SAIPAN MAP

VICINITY MAP



OLEAI MAP

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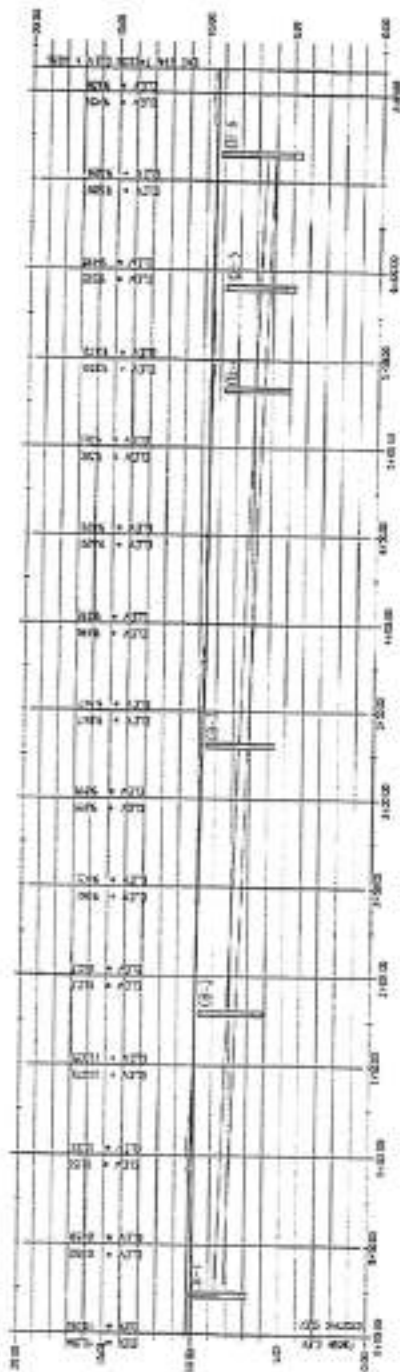
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DIRECTOR

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JAMES A. ADA
ENGINEER

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APENGAGH AVE PROFILE



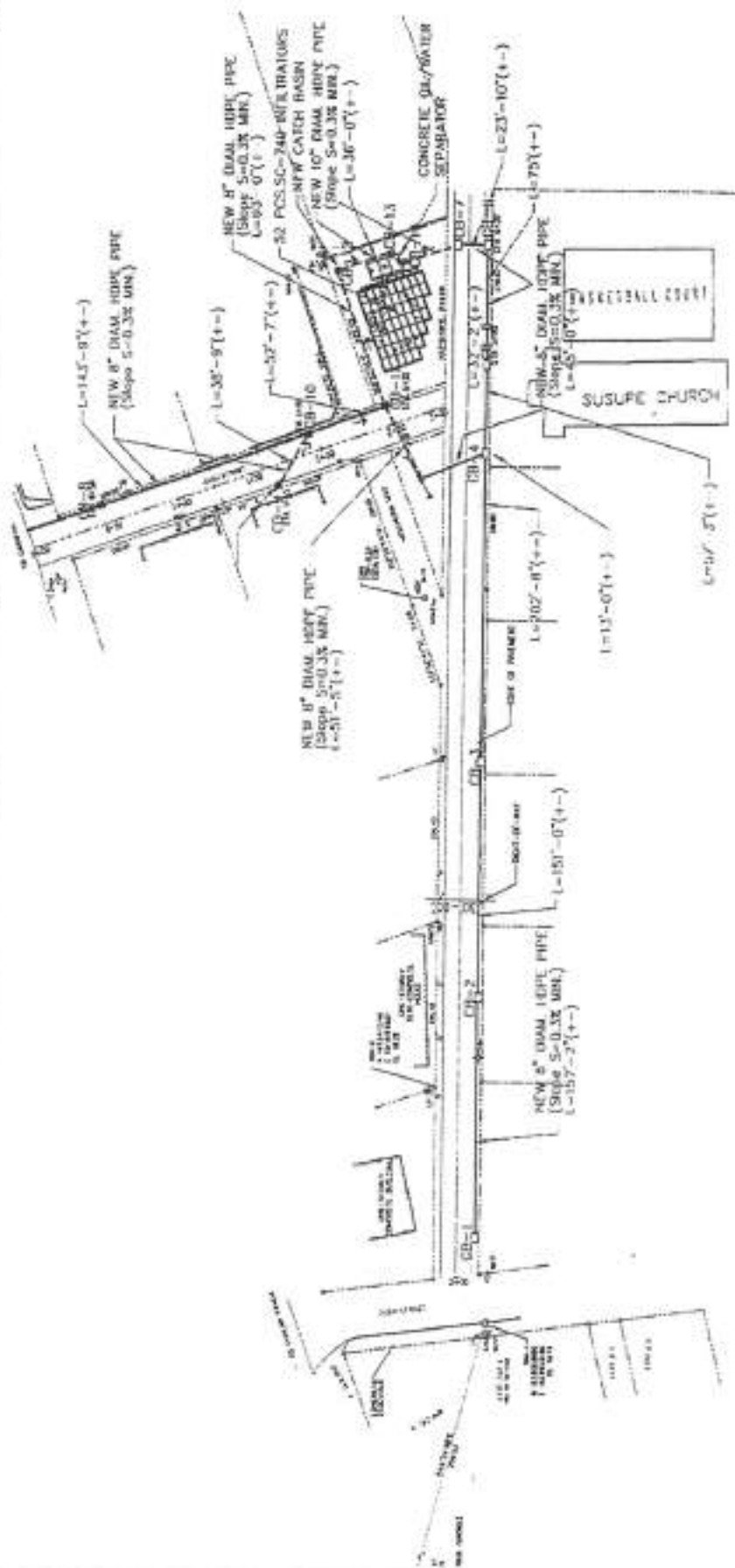
GIL ST PROFILE



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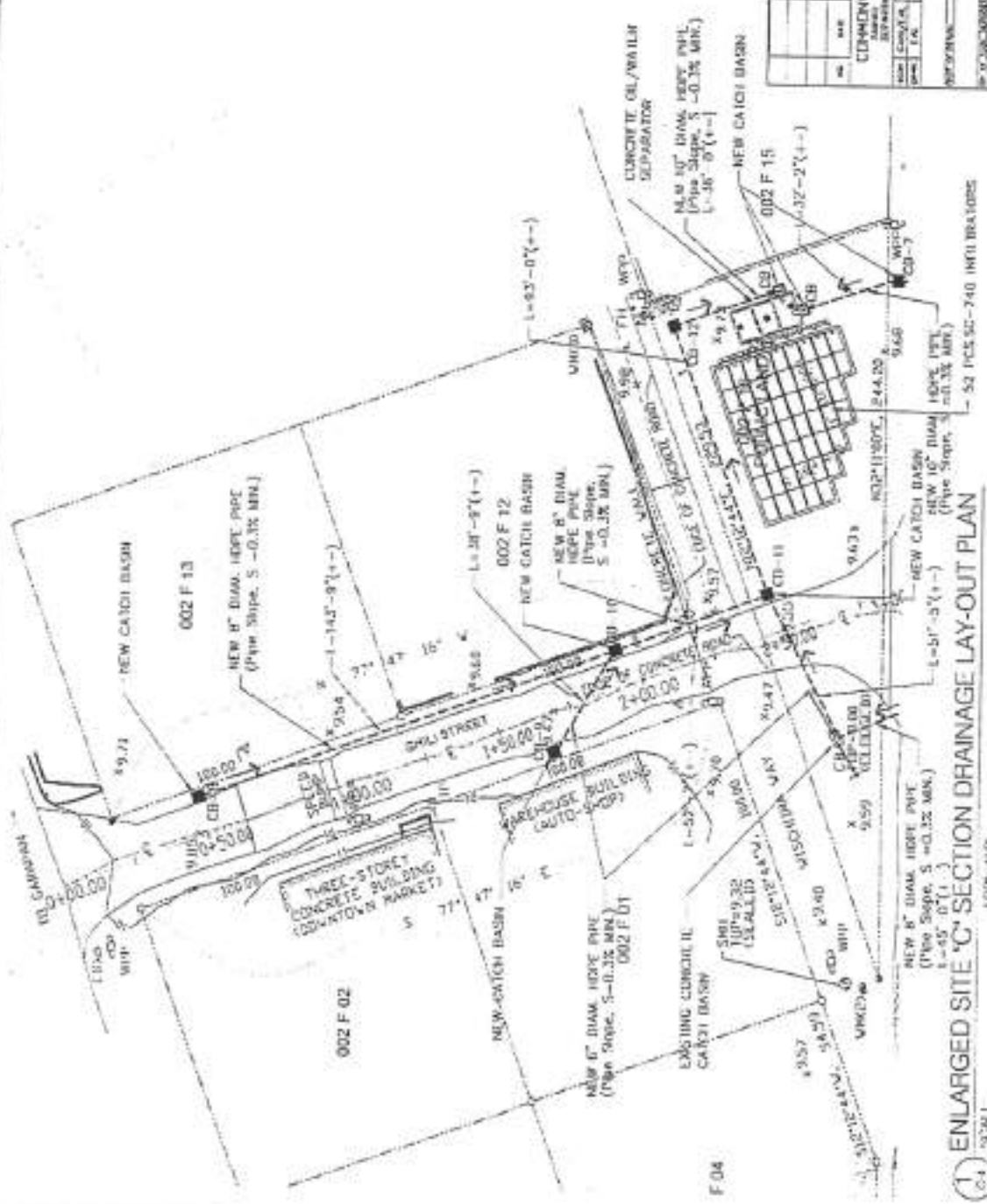
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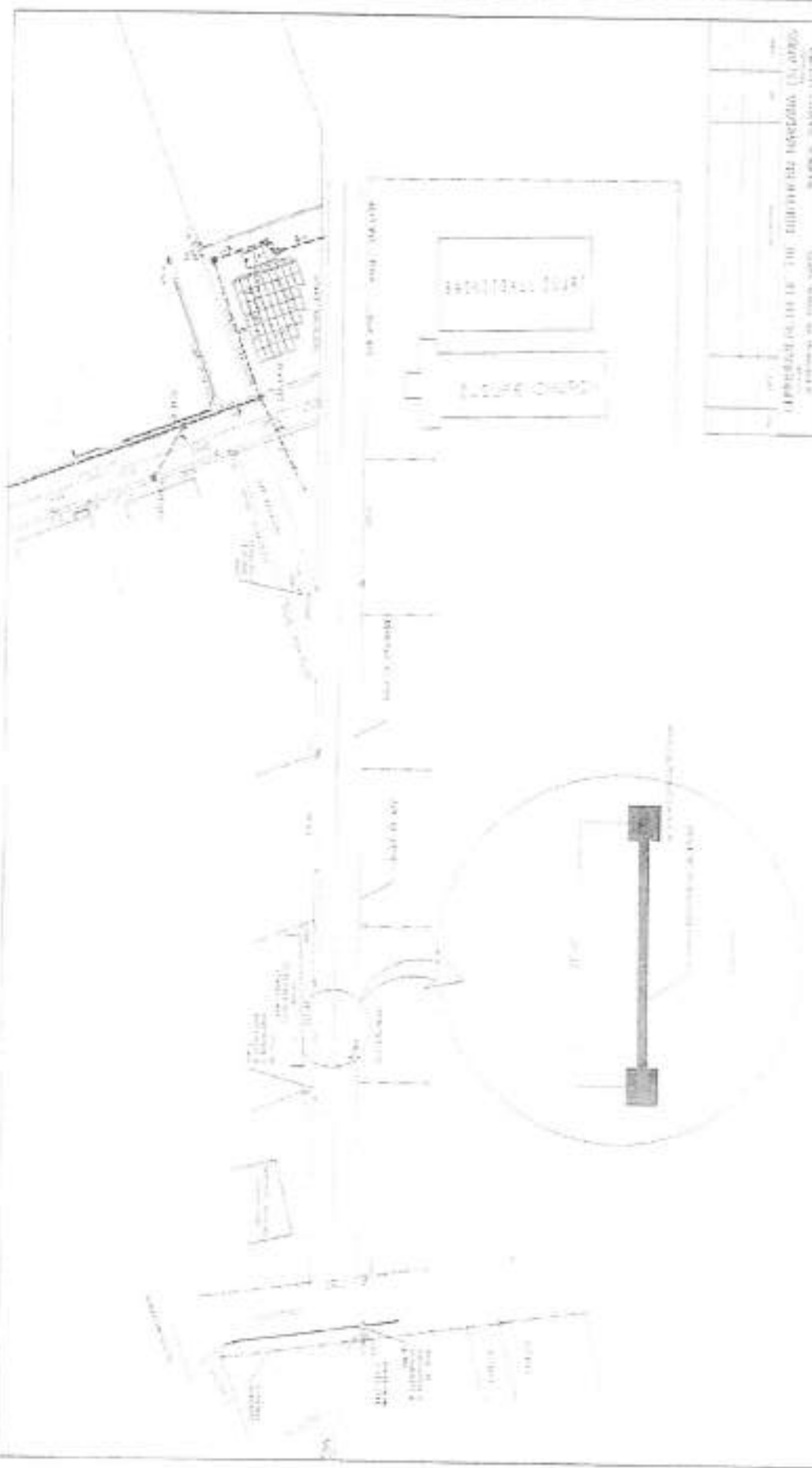
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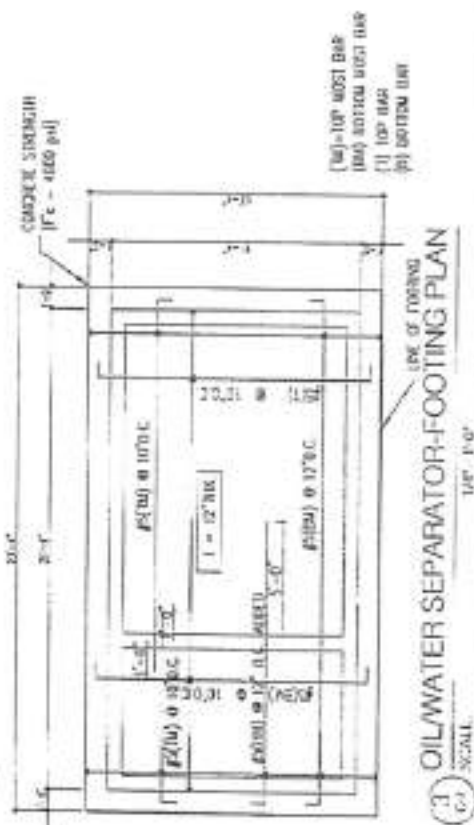
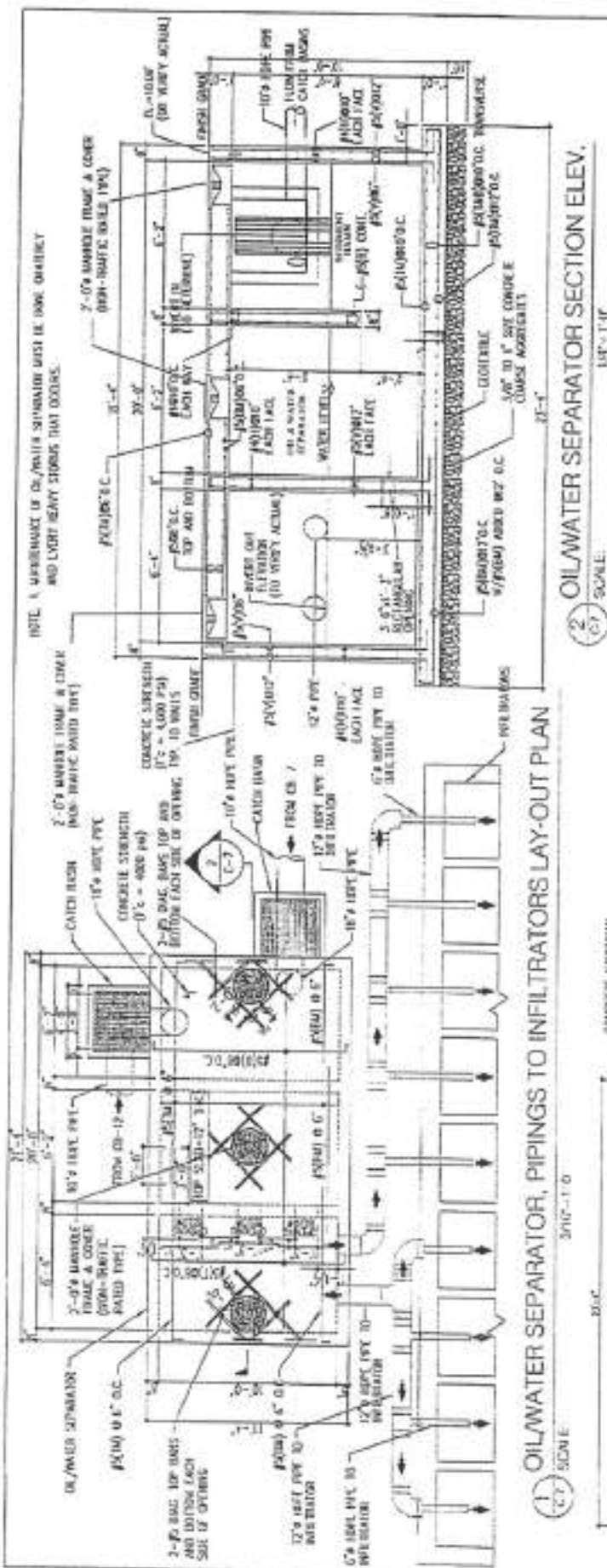
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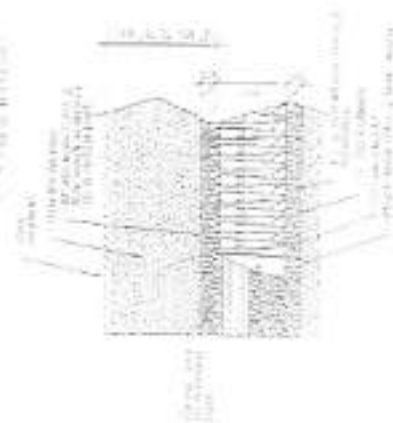
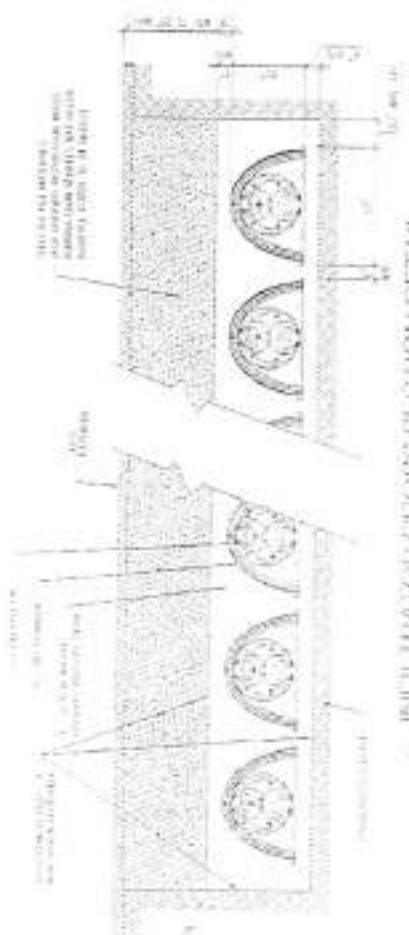
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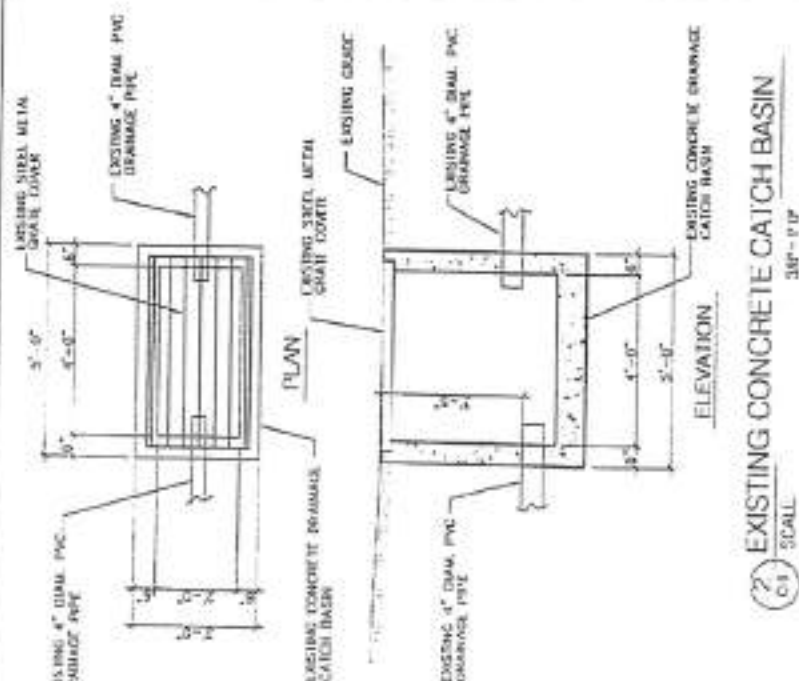
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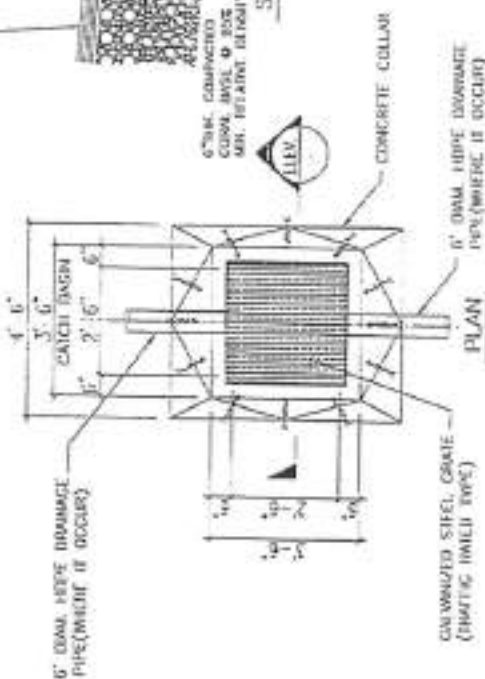
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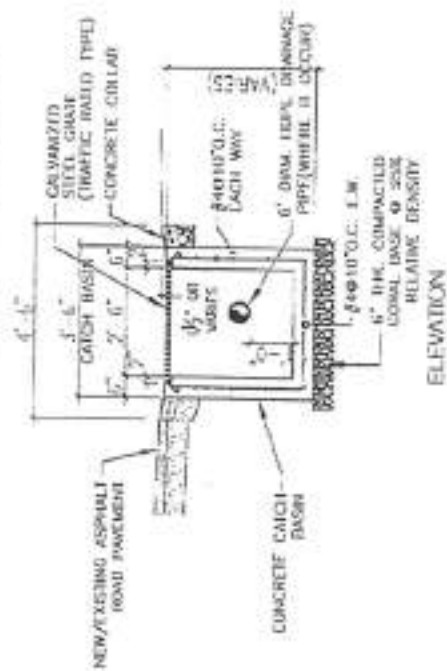
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EXISTING CONCRETE CATCH BASIN



1.0 NEW CONCRETE CATCH BASIN

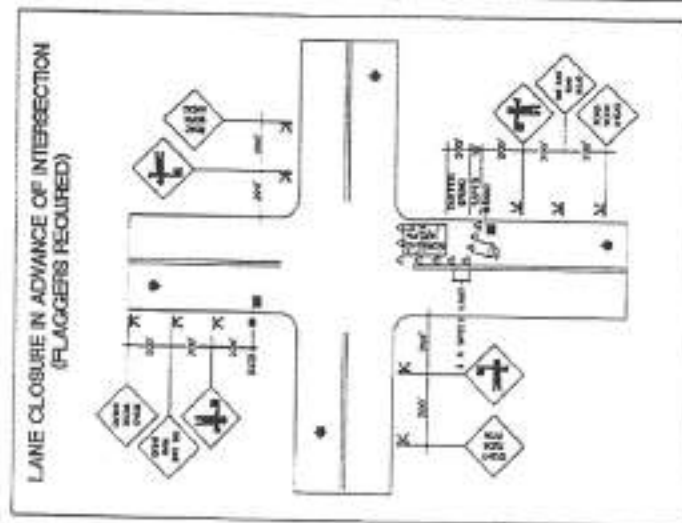
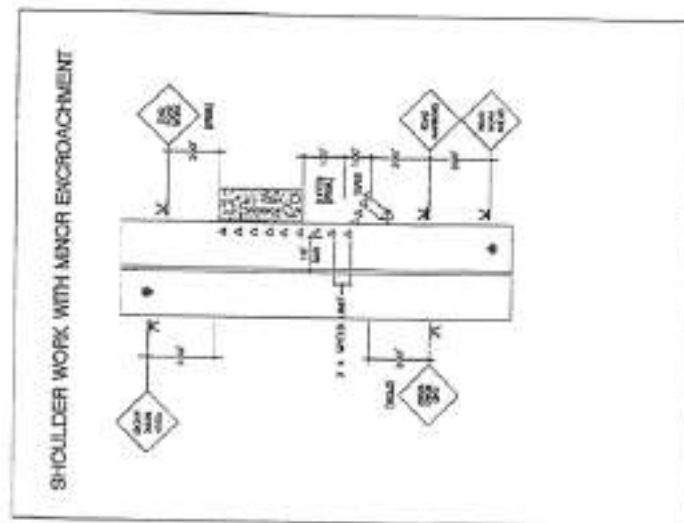
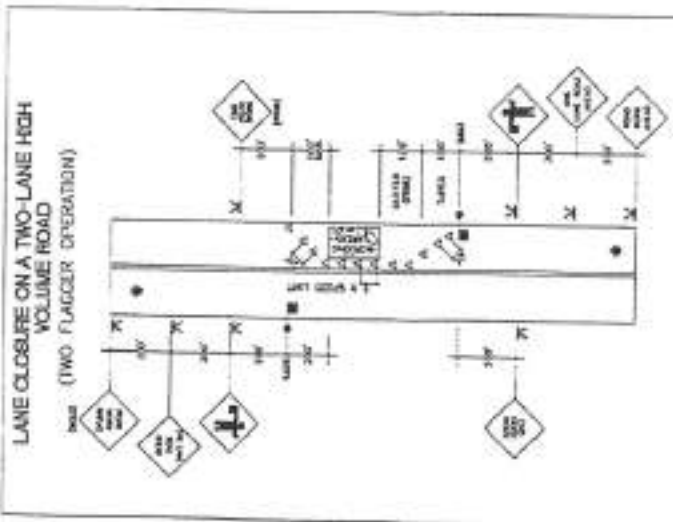


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SECTION A

Figure 1: A schematic diagram of a 1D photonic crystal. It shows a periodic structure of alternating layers with refractive indices n_1 and n_2 , and thicknesses d_1 and d_2 . The total thickness is L . The diagram is labeled with "1D photonic crystal" and "periodic structure".

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor - Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950



January 26, 2021
Serial No. PW21-0083

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950

Subject: Determination of Special Flood Hazard Area

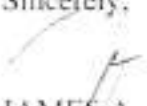
Dear Director Palacios:

This letter is in response to your email request received by our office on January 11, 2021 for the determination of Special Flood Hazard Area as a part of a regulatory compliance checklist regarding a proposed DPW Chili Street Flood Mitigation Project, located in San Jose, Saipan.

After a thorough review of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM Panel No. 6900000045C) and other source materials, this office has determined that the aforementioned lot is **NOT in the Special Flood Hazard Area**. See attached map.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Edwin Tmarsel, Flood Administrator of our Building Safety Code Division at the telephone number 234-2726.

Sincerely,


JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

cc: Building Safety Code Division



NMHC- SAIPAN OFFICE

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By: CFR

Date: 02-02-2021

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SEE FIRM REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAY

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
Zone A, V, VE

With BFE or Depth
Zone AE, A1, A2, A3, A9, VE
Regulatory Floodway

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard,
of 1% annual chance flood with an
depth less than one foot or with an
area of less than one square mile

Future Conditions 1% Annual
Chance Flood Hazard
Area with Reduced Flood Risk due
to Levee, See Notes, Zone X
Area with Flood Risk due to Levee

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

Area of Minimal Flood Hazard
Effective LOMRPs

Area of Undersaturated Flood Hazard

Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

Cross Sections with 1% Annual Cha
Water Surface Elevation
Coastal Transect
Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
Limit of Study
Jurisdiction Boundary
Coastal Transect Easement
Profile Baseline
Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

Digital Data Available
No Digital Data Available
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The pin displayed on the map is an appraisal
point selected by the user and does not rep
an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of
digital flood maps if it is not void as described below.
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The flood hazard information is derived directly from the
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January 8, 2021

Mr. Jonathan I. Arriola
Director
Division of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 501304
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Arriola:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is in the process of preparing the Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) for the Department of Public Works' Chili Street Mitigation Project. The proposed road mitigation project will take place in San Jose, Saipan as indicated on the google earth map provided.

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

Before we commence any mitigation activity on this road, we are required to obtain a certification from your office with respect to the following:

1. **Explosive or Flammable Operations:**

That the project is located at an Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) from any above-ground explosive or flammable fuels or chemicals containers according to "Siting of HUD-Assistance Projects Near Hazardous Facilities" (Appendix F, pp.51-52), **OR** the project will expose neither people nor building to such hazards.

2. **Toxic/Hazardous/Radioactive, Material, Contamination, Chemical or Gases:**

That the project does not involve new development for habitation; **OR** the project involves new development for habitation, but is not located within one mile of an NPL ("Superfund") site, within ½ mile of a CERCLIS site, nor adjacent to any other known or suspected sited contaminated with toxic chemicals or radioactive source determines it does not pose a health hazard.

3. **Environmental Justice:**

That the project site is suitable for its proposed use and the project won't be adversely affected by existing environmental conditions.



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4. Sole Source Aquifers:

That the project is not located within an area designed by EPA as being supported by sole source aquifer, **OR** the project need not be referred to EPA for evaluation according to the HUD-EPA (Region IX) Sole Source Aquifer Memorandum of Understanding of 1990.

5. Air Quality:

That the project is located within an "attainment" area, **OR** if within a "non-attainment" area, the project conforms with the EPA-approved State Implementation Plan (SIP), per contact with the State Air Quality Management District or Board.

6. Noise Abatement and Control:

That the project does not involve development of noise sensitive uses, **OR** the project is not within line-of-sight of an arterial roadway or railroad, **OR** ambient noise level is 65 LDN (or CNEL) or less, based upon the HUD Noise Assessment Guidelines (NAG) study for calculating noise levels.

7. Wild and Scenic Rivers:

That the project is not located within a mile of a listed Wild and Scenic River or that it will have no effects on the natural, free flowing or scenic qualities of a river.

8. Wetlands Protection:

That the project does not involve new construction within or adjacent to wetlands, marshes, wet meadows, mud flats or natural ponds per field observation and maps issued by the USDI Fish & Wildlife Service or U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Should your office determine the presence of explosives, flammable, toxic, hazardous, or radioactive materials on or within a mile of the above lot, please include the appropriate mitigation disclosure and clearance documents.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to receiving your earliest response. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation



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Division of Environmental Quality Concurrence:

Based on your requests above, the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that this project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. Your project may require permits from DEQ or other local or federal agencies, and your responsibility to obtain them is not obviated by this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan L. Arriola", is written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan L. Arriola, Director
Division of Environmental Quality

01/22/2021

Date



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Janice E. Castro
Director, DCRM

January 27, 2021

Ref No: PRM21-036

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
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Northern Marianas House Corporation
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Re: Determination of Effect for the Department of Public Works, Chili Street

Dear Mr. Palacios,

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is in receipt of your letter dated January 8, 2021 requesting for a Determination of Effect for the proposed Flood Mitigation of Chili Street. Furthermore, this project will be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

The proposed road improvement is approximately 1,000 feet from Oleai Street to Beach Road. Chili Street measures about 20 feet wide with coral basecourse and no drainage system. The road is located in a low-lying area that is prone to flooding during heavy rainfall thus affecting nearby residents and church goers that rely on this road for their weekly routes. The scope of work includes installation of a 10" diameter HDPE perforated pipe, installation of infiltrator chamber system, roadway excavation and grading, backfilling of 6" thick base-course, construction of curb and gutter on both sides of the road, 2" thick asphalt pavement, installation of pavement markings and traffic signs, and other miscellaneous work associated with this project.

Based on our preliminary review of the Department of Public Works' (DPW) proposal, scope of work, and general vicinity map, DCRM anticipates that the project is likely to cause a less than significant adverse effect to coastal resources, adjacent commercial operations and residents, and to vehicular traffic that rely on this route for their day-to-day transportation needs. Since the proposal did not include any design plans and other pertinent documents necessary for a thorough review, this partial assessment does not constitute a final determination of effect. However, DCRM has determined the following findings to support this partial assessment as follows:

- (1) Based on the general information of the project and project site, the area of the project is not partially or wholly situated within CRM's designated Area of Particular Concern nor is it situated on or near an environmentally sensitive or conservation area;
- (2) As proposed, the project will be primarily conducted within the boundaries of Chili Street in Oleai, Saipan. This area is previously disturbed with pre-existing asphalts with no proper storm drainage system. DCRM anticipates that the project is likely to have a less than significant adverse effects on the pattern and type of land use or growth and distribution of population including the character of existing government properties and residential areas as well as traffic flow;
- (3) DCRM does not anticipate that this project will cause significant public controversy. We believe that the public and other agencies will be supportive of this proposal;
- (4) Based on the information provided, DPW will be required to apply for a "One Start" permit as the project is or will be federally funded. The application will enable DCRM, the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) to review your project proposal in its entirety; and
- (5) As this project will be duly permitted by relevant CNMI agencies, DCRM anticipates that this project will not conflict with any CNMI environmental, natural resources protection, or land use laws and regulations.

We look forward to further coordination with NMHC and DPW as you navigate through local and federal requirements. Should you have any questions, please contact our Permitting Section at 664-8300 for assistance.

Sincerely,



JANICE E. CASTRO
Director

Division of Coastal Resources Management

cc: Secretary of DPW



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*Historic Preservation Office
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs*

*Airport Road
Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950*

DATE: 4/19/2021



April 19, 2021

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Serial: 34423
File: 6.7.21.13

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
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RE: Section 106 Consultation for Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program in Support of the Department of Public Works' proposed Chili Street Mitigation Project, San Jose (Oleai) area

Dear Mr. Palacios,

Pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the CNMI Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed your Section 106 consultation letter of 16 April 2021, and its associated documents in referenced to the above subject proposed mitigation project.

In our review of the proposed undertaking; it appears the project location lies within an area of high historic and archaeological sensitivity and subsurface prehistoric strata, historic features and human burials have frequently been discovered within this general site (San Jose Village - Oleai).

Given this effect, and in order to concur with your finding of no adverse effect to historic properties determination, the Historic Preservation Office requires the project to obtain the services of a professional archaeologist who meets the qualifications published in the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards 36 CFR Part 61" to conduct archaeological monitoring, data recovery and mitigation work to mitigate project related impacts to historic properties.

With the implementation of these mitigation measures, adverse impacts to cultural resources would be less than significant, and hence the HPO concurs with NMHC's finding of effect of **No Adverse Effect** on historic properties for this project undertaking.

If there are any further questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to HPO at (670) 664-2120.

Sincerely,

Rita Chong-Dela Cruz
State Historic Preservation Officer



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January 11, 2021

Jesse Palacios
Corporate Director, NMHC
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950-0514

Subject: Information Request (#IR-21-07), NMHC Request for a Determination of Effects for Wetlands and Endangered Species

Dear Mr. Jesse Palacios:

You requested information from the Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding potential environmental impacts from two new construction projects on Saipan. We reviewed your information request, including supporting information and maps. Please note that DFW does not have jurisdiction over wetlands or rivers and offering guidance on such matters is outside of our scope. Please contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further guidance pertaining to wetlands or rivers.

Our comments regarding potential special status species impacts follow:

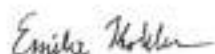
- 1) Department of Public Work's Road Improvement Project: Beach Road to Pacific Island Club, Saipan
The scope of work involves improvements to an existing road; therefore, vegetation removal is not anticipated. DFW has no record of special status species on this or the immediately adjacent lots and we do not anticipate impacts to T&E species from this project.
- 2) Department of Public Work's Flood Mitigation Project: Chili Street, San Jose, Saipan
The scope of work involves improvements to an existing road; therefore, vegetation removal is not anticipated. DFW has no record of special status species on this or the immediately adjacent lots and we do not anticipate impacts to T&E species from this project.

We did not conduct on-the-ground inspections of the sites. If the scope of the work changes or if vegetation at the site is not maintained (e.g., grasses allowed to grow > 1 m tall) there is an increased likelihood that T&E species may be impacted. In such instances, we recommend that you contact DFW directly or submit a One Start application to BECQ, which will also trigger wildlife assessment by DFW. Our response is based solely on the information you provided, our current knowledge, and professional experience.

This letter is not a permit or approval of the proposed projects. Instead, the information that we provide may assist you in project planning, including information required to comply with the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist.

If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at 664-6032.

Sincerely,



Emilie Kohler
Wildlife Biologist, DFW

CC: Anthony T. Benavente, Secretary, DLNR
Manny M. Pangelinan, Director, DFW

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING**PART I** (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Date Of Land Evaluation Request 01/06/2021

Name of Project DPW Chili St. Mitigation

Federal Agency Involved NMHC

Proposed Land Use Road Rehab

County and State San Jose, Saipan

PART II (To be completed by NRCS)Date Request Received By
NRCS 11 January 2021Person Completing Form:
Pam SablanDoes the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland?
(if no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)YES NO
☐ ☒

Acres Irrigated

Average Farm Size

Major Crop(s)

Farmable Land in Govt. Jurisdiction

Acres: %

Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA

Acres: %

Name of Land Evaluation System Used

Name of State or Local Site Assessment System

Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Alternative Site Rating

A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly

Site A

Site B

Site C

Site D

N/A

B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly

N/A

C. Total Acres In Site

N/A

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland

N/A

B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland

N/A

C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted

N/A

D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value

N/A

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion

Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)

N/A

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria
(Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)Maximum
Points

Site A

Site B

Site C

Site D

1. Area In Non-urban Use

(15)

N/A

2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use

(10)

N/A

3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed

(20)

N/A

4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government

(20)

N/A

5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area

(15)

N/A

6. Distance To Urban Support Services

(15)

N/A

7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average

(10)

N/A

8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland

(10)

N/A

9. Availability Of Farm Support Services

(5)

N/A

10. On-Farm Investments

(20)

N/A

11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services

(10)

N/A

12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use

(10)

N/A

TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS

160

0

0

0

0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)

100

0

0

0

0

Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)

160

0

0

0

0

TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)

260

0

0

0

0

Site Selected:

Date Of Selection

Was A Local Site Assessment Used?

YES ☐NO ☐

Reason For Selection:

PAMELA SABLAN

Digitally signed by PAMELA SABLAN
Date: 2021.01.11 16:24:19 +1000

Name of Federal agency representative completing this form: Pamela M. Sablan, District Conservationist Date: 11 Jan. 2021

(See Instructions on reverse side)

Form AD-1006 (03-02)

STEPS IN THE PROCESSING THE FARMLAND AND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM

- Step 1 - Federal agencies (or Federally funded projects) involved in proposed projects that may convert farmland, as defined in the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) to nonagricultural uses, will initially complete Parts I and III of the form. For Corridor type projects, the Federal agency shall use form NRCS-CPA-106 in place of form AD-1006. The Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) process may also be accessed by visiting the FPPA website, <http://fppa.nrcs.usda.gov/lesas/>.
- Step 2 - Originator (Federal Agency) will send one original copy of the form together with appropriate scaled maps indicating location(s) of project site(s), to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) local Field Office or USDA Service Center and retain a copy for their files. (NRCS has offices in most counties in the U.S. The USDA Office Information Locator may be found at http://offices.usda.gov/scripts/ndjSAPI.dll/om_public/USA_mpg, or the offices can usually be found in the Phone Book under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture. A list of field offices is available from the NRCS State Conservationist and State Office in each State.)
- Step 3 - NRCS will, within 10 working days after receipt of the completed form, make a determination as to whether the site(s) of the proposed project contains prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland. (When a site visit or land evaluation system design is needed, NRCS will respond within 30 working days.)
- Step 4 - For sites where farmland covered by the FPPA will be converted by the proposed project, NRCS will complete Parts II, IV and V of the form.
- Step 5 - NRCS will return the original copy of the form to the Federal agency involved in the project, and retain a file copy for NRCS records.
- Step 6 - The Federal agency involved in the proposed project will complete Parts VI and VII of the form and return the form with the final selected site to the servicing NRCS office.
- Step 7 - The Federal agency providing financial or technical assistance to the proposed project will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the FPPA.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING FORM (For Federal Agency)

Part I: When completing the "County and State" questions, list all the local governments that are responsible for local land use controls where site(s) are to be evaluated.

Part III: When completing item B (Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly), include the following:

1. Acres not being directly converted but that would no longer be capable of being farmed after the conversion, because the conversion would restrict access to them or other major change in the ability to use the land for agriculture.
2. Acres planned to receive services from an infrastructure project as indicated in the project justification (e.g. highways, utilities planned build out capacity) that will cause a direct conversion.

Part VI: Do not complete Part VI using the standard format if a State or Local site assessment is used. With local and NRCS assistance, use the local Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

1. Assign the maximum points for each site assessment criterion as shown in § 658.5(b) of CFR. In cases of corridor-type project such as transportation, power line and flood control, criteria #5 and #6 will not apply and will be weighted zero, however, criterion #8 will be weighed a maximum of 25 points and criterion #11 a maximum of 25 points.
2. Federal agencies may assign relative weights among the 12 site assessment criteria other than those shown on the FPPA rule after submitting individual agency FPPA policy for review and comment to NRCS. In all cases where other weights are assigned, relative adjustments must be made to maintain the maximum total points at 160. For project sites where the total points equal or exceed 160, consider alternative actions, as appropriate, that could reduce adverse impacts (e.g. Alternative Sites, Modifications or Mitigation).

Part VII: In computing the "Total Site Assessment Points" where a State or local site assessment is used and the total maximum number of points is other than 160, convert the site assessment points to a base of 160.

Example: if the Site Assessment maximum is 200 points, and the alternative Site "A" is rated 180 points:

$$\frac{\text{Total points assigned Site A}}{\text{Maximum points possible}} = \frac{180}{200} \times 160 = 144 \text{ points for Site A}$$

For assistance in completing this form or FPPA process, contact the local NRCS Field Office or USDA Service Center.

NRCS employees, consult the FPPA Manual and/or policy for additional instructions to complete the AD-1006 form.

Prime and Unique Farmlands Map

USDA-NRCS

Map Prepared by Pamela M. Sablan, District Conservationist - 01/11/2021

Response to Categorically Excluded Statutory Checklist

"Proposed DPW Road Mitigation Project, Chili St., San Jose, Saipan"



Prepared with assistance from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Legend

Project Location





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March 18, 2021

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Director Palacios:

Subject: Request for Determination of Effect
Department of Public Works Chili Street Mitigation Project
San Jose, Saipan

This is in reference to your letter dated January 8, 2021 requesting for Determination of Effect for the above-referenced subject. The proposed project is in San Jose, Saipan.

After review of the location of the proposed project, we found it to be free from the Runway Clear Zones. As such, the determination of effect is hereby given.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

cc: Airport Manager



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January 8, 2021

Ms. Geralyn C. Delacruz
Zoning Administrator
Zoning Board
Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950

Re: Request for Zoning Certification

Dear Ms. Delacruz,

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is in the process of preparing the Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) for the Department of Public Works' Chili Street Mitigation Project. The proposed road mitigation project will take place in San Jose, Saipan as indicated on the google earth map provided.

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR).

NMHC is kindly requesting for your concurrence in certifying that the project is acceptable based on the Zoning Law. This concurrence will not constitute as approval for a permit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Jatanna Cabrera at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,


Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director



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(Zoning Use)

This certification is granted to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) to proceed with their project based on Section 411 (e) (citation) of the Saipan Zoning Law.

This certification will not constitute as an approval for a permit. The NMHC and/or Contractor must apply for a permit prior to any construction work. If the NMHC and/or Contractor fails to apply for a Zoning permit, the Zoning Office will issue a violation notice and impose fines for failure to abide by the Zoning Law.

Certified & Concurred by:


GERALYN DELACRUZ, Zoning Administrator

4/20/2021
Date



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