

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND
PROPOSED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR MANAGEMENT OF WATER TREATMENT AT JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-
RICHARDSON (JBER), ALASKA**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of actions to provide safe drinking water to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), Alaska. Under the Proposed Action, the owner of JBER’s potable water utility, Doyon Utilities LLC (DU), would construct a new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and dismantle and remediate the existing JBER WTP once the new plant is fully operational. The project would enable DU to meet its obligations to provide enough safe drinking water to JBER facilities in order to dependably meet current and future demand in support of JBER’s mission.

The EA, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Air Force instructions implementing NEPA; evaluates potential impacts Proposed Action and No Action Alternative on the environment. Based on this analysis, the Air Force has prepared a proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The Draft EA and Draft FONSI, dated April 2023, will be available for review at the following locations:

Chugiak-Eagle River Library 12001 Business Blvd. #176 Eagle River Town Center Eagle River, AK 99577	Z.J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali St. Anchorage, AK 99503	JBER Library Army Education Center Bldg. 7, Chilkoot Ave. JBER, AK 99505
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Electronic copies of the documents can also be found on the JBER website at <http://www.jber.jb.mil/Services-Resources/Environmental> (under “Public Documents and Notices”).

You are encouraged to submit comments through May 11, 2023. Comments should be provided to JBER Public Affairs, 10480 Sijan Ave., Suite 123, JBER, AK 99506. Emailed comments can be submitted to jber.pa@us.af.mil. Comments may also be submitted on the phone at (907) 551-8996.

PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

Public comments on this Draft EA are requested pursuant to NEPA, 42 United States Code 4321, et seq. All written comments received during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered during the final EA preparation. Providing private address information with your comment is voluntary and such personal information will be kept confidential unless release is required by law. However, address information will be used to compile the project mailing list and failure to provide it will result in your name not being included on the mailing list.