

**Finding of No Significant Impact  
For  
Replacement of Emergency Generators at  
Building 13 and Building 70 Substation  
Ammunition Operations District Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada**

1. **Introduction.** The U.S. Department of the Army conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects associated with the replacement of emergency power generators and ancillary equipment in two locations at Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) in Hawthorne, Nevada (the Proposed Action) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (Title 42 of the *United States Code* 4321 *et seq.*) and *DoD Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act* (2025) published on June 30, 2025 (90 FR 27857).
2. **Proposed Action.** The purpose of the Proposed Action is to replace the non-functioning emergency generators and associated equipment which provide energy to the HWAD when grid-based power sources fail. In December 2024, the US Department of Defense (DoD) released DoD Instruction 4715.28 Military Installation Resilience which established policy, assigned responsibilities, and prescribed procedures for ensuring military installation energy resilience. The instructions established a goal of ensuring energy resilience of installations worldwide to be able to perform mission critical tasks without the need for public water or power. The term “energy resilience” means the ability to avoid, prepare for, minimize, adapt to, and recover from anticipated and unanticipated energy disruptions in order to ensure energy availability and reliability sufficient to provide for mission assurance and readiness, including mission essential operations related to readiness, and to execute or rapidly reestablish mission essential requirements (10 USC 101(f)(6)).
3. **Alternatives Considered.** HWAD identified two alternatives for implementing the Proposed Action (which is the Preferred Alternative) and a No Action Alternative. NEPA requires analysis of a No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action is to replace existing backup generators and associated components at Building 13 and at Building 70 Substation. Not installing replacement backup generators is the No Action Alternative.
4. **Factors Considered in the Finding of No Significant Impact.** The EA, which is attached and incorporated by reference into this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), examines the potential effects of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative on the following resource areas of concern: air quality, human health and safety, land use, noise, socioeconomics, traffic and transportation, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, aesthetics and visual resources, utilities, and hazardous and toxic materials.

Based on the analysis in the EA, HWAD has determined that implementing the Proposed Action would not be expected to result in significant adverse effects on any environmental, cultural, or socioeconomic resources. The Table below summarizes the potential environmental and socioeconomic consequences.

## Summary Of Potential Environmental And Socioeconomic Consequences

Resource Area	Preferred Alternative	No Action Alternative
Aesthetics and Visual	No effect	No effect
Air Quality	Short- and long-term negligible adverse	No effect
Biological	No effect	No effect
Cultural	No effect	No effect
Geology and Soils	Short-term minor adverse	No effect
Hazardous and Toxic Materials	Short-term minor adverse and long-term minor beneficial	Long-term minor adverse
Human Health and Safety	No effect	No effect
Land Use	No effect	No effect
Noise	Short-term negligible adverse	No effect
Socioeconomics	Short-term negligible beneficial	No effect
Traffic and Transportation	Short-term negligible adverse	No effect
Utilities	Short-term minor adverse and long-term beneficial	Long-term minor adverse
Water	No effect	No effect

5. **Public Review and Comment.** The EA and draft FONSI were available to the public for review and comment for 30 days, beginning upon publication of a notice of availability in *The Mineral County Independent News* newspaper on **TBD** and ending **TBD**. Copies of the EA and FONSI were available for review and comment online at <https://www.jmc.army.mil/Installations.aspx?id=Hawthorne>. Reviewers were asked to submit comments on the EA and FONSI by U.S. mail to Mr. Dave Haak, 1 South Maine Ave, Building 5, Hawthorne NV 89415 no later than **TBD**.
6. **Conclusions.** Based on the environmental analysis in the EA, the Army has determined that implementing the proposed action would have no significant direct, indirect, or cumulative adverse effects on the quality of human life or the natural environment at HWAD. Therefore, the Army will not be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement before implementing the proposed action

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