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**ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE TENNESSEE**

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

FROM: AEDC/TSDCI  
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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Construction and Operation of Barracks for the Tennessee Army National Guard (TNARNG) at Arnold Air Force Base (AFB), Tennessee

1. As public and agency notification, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations, this memorandum announces the availability of the Draft EA and Draft FONSI for Construction and Operation of Barracks for the TNARNG at Arnold AFB, Tennessee.
2. This Draft EA and proposed FONSI are available for review at:  
<https://www.tn.gov/military/who-we-are/state-administration-military/environmental.html> or  
<https://www.arnold.af.mil/Units/Test-Support-Division/> and at the following library locations: Franklin County Library, 105 South Porter St., Winchester, TN 37398; 931-967-3706; Coffee County Manchester Public Library, 1005 Hillsboro Blvd., Manchester, TN 37355; 931-723-514; and Coffee County Lannom Memorial Public Library, 312 North Collins St., Tullahoma, TN 37388; 931-455-2460.
3. The Proposed Action would construct and operate up to 20 new one-story, 5,000-square-foot (SF) open-bay barracks with latrines; showers; laundry; exterior paving; stairs, ramps, and walkways; and grading and drainage; and all related work for a new functional and energy-efficient barracks complex for the TNARNG at Volunteer Training Site – Tullahoma (VTS-T) on Arnold AFB. The 20 new barracks would increase bed capacity by 640. The proposed five new dining facilities and five new administrative and storage facilities associated with the barracks would also be constructed at VTS-T. TNARNG would construct each new barracks in the coming years as funding becomes available, and update NEPA analysis as necessary. The purpose of the action is to enhance the ability of the TNARNG to fulfill its military training mission by fully supporting all units assigned to training at Arnold AFB. The Proposed Action is needed to rectify bed space, dining, administrative, and storage facilities deficits for TNARNG units training at the Installation. The existing barracks space is too small for the number of TNARNG troops assigned to train at Arnold AFB.

Resource areas considered in the impact analysis for this EA are noise, air quality, earth resources, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials and wastes, infrastructure and transportation, and health and safety. This Draft EA and proposed FONSI concludes that there will be no significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from the Proposed Action.

4. The public comment period for this Draft EA and proposed FONSI will be from 18 August 2022 through 17 September 2022. Please send your written responses via e-mail (preferred) at shannon.allen.1@us.af.mil or by regular mail to: Ms. Shannon Allen, NEPA, Natural & Cultural Resources Planner, AEDC/TSDCI, 100 Kindel Drive, Arnold AFB TN 37389-2322.

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