

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**For**  
**HOT WEATHER TEST COMPLEX**

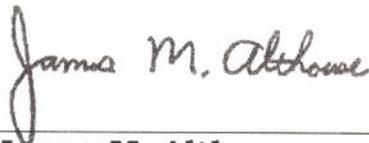
**U.S. ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND**  
**YUMA, ARIZONA**

An *Environmental Assessment for the Hot Weather Test Complex* was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action of establishing a Hot Weather Test Complex (HWTC) in the Laguna Region at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, Yuma, Arizona.

The Proposed Action involves construction of a 5-mile oval track; a 1+ mile ride and handling course; a 36-foot wide mechanical reliability course; a 1,800 foot skid pad and brake test area; and construction of a variety of service buildings and office facilities. The construction elements are based on conceptual development plans for the Hot Weather Test Complex.

Two alternatives were evaluated in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for potential impacts on environmental resources, Alternative A (Laguna Region) and Alternative B (No-Action). Potential impacts to soils, biological, and cultural resources were determined to be associated with Alternative A. However, implementation of standard best management practices and mitigation measures during activities associated with the Proposed Action will negate or minimize impacts.

As a result of the analysis in the EA, it is anticipated that the implementation of Alternative A will not result in significant impacts to the environment. To ensure that impacts to the environment are avoided or minimized, the mitigation and management methods discussed in Chapter 5 of the referenced EA will be followed.



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