

Notice of Availability: Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Photovoltaic Energy Development on Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

by 49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Asset Optimization

Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB), New Mexico, announces the availability of, and invites public comments on, the Draft Environmental Assessment ([EA](#)) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed development of photovoltaic (PV) power generation capacity on 400 acres of open terrain within the base.

Under the Proposed Action, the PV facility would be built by a public utility or private developer under a power purchase agreement to supply renewable energy to HAFB to meet Federal energy policy requirements. The construction would result in surface and subsurface disturbance of the project area. Resource surveys found no Threatened or Endangered species to be effected. There are no wetlands or floodplains in the development area. Seven small historic properties (archaeological sites) require excavation, analysis, findings publication and artifact curation to preserve data important to the history and prehistory of the region and this work will be executed in further consultation with the New Mexico Historic Preservation Office.

The Draft EA shows that the Proposed Action would not significantly impact the environment and supports a FONSI. Consequently, an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.

Copies of the Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for review at the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Avenue, Alamogordo, NM, and at the HAFB Base Library, 280 1st Street, Holloman AFB, NM.

The EA and Draft FONSI are available online at < <http://www.holloman.af.mil/environmentalinformation.asp> >

Comments should be sent to: Photovoltaic EA, Installation Management Flight, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron, 550 Tabosa Avenue, Holloman AFB, NM 88330-8458, no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

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