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SUBJECT: Procedures Memo #8: Mission Compatibility Evaluation Review Process

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### REFERENCES:

- a) Procedures Memo #6: Mission Compatibility Evaluation Review Process, November 13, 2014 (rescinded)
- b) Acting DUSD/I&E Memo, Scope of Projects Reviewed by the Mission Compatibility Evaluation Process, November 12, 2014 (rescinded)
- c) Fiscal Year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, section 313, *Revision to Scope of Statutorily Required Review of Projects Relating to Potential Obstructions to Aviation so to as Apply only to Energy Projects*
- d) Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 211, *Mission Compatibility Evaluation Process*, December 5, 2013

This Procedures Memo (PM) rescinds References a) and b), and defines the procedures for making a division response in FAA's Obstruction Evaluation (OE) process for energy projects in accordance with Reference c). An energy project is defined as a project that provides for the generation or transmission of electrical energy.

When reviewing applications submitted via the FAA's OE process, a Military Department (MILDEP) is authorized to place, in the Service Evaluation data field, an "N" when it does not object to a project or a "P" when it has provisional comments or concerns. Placing an "O" in the FAA OE tool for all energy projects is strictly reserved for use by the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Regarding the use of provisional comments, the MILDEPs will attempt to standardize inputs to the FAA OE tool for use when an energy project indicates it may have an adverse impact on military operations and readiness. This is usually flagged by inputting a "P" tool in the Service Evaluation date field. The following provisional language should be used:

"This application may present an adverse impact on military operations and readiness. The DoD requests that the developer contact the Executive Director, Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, by email at [osd.dod-siting-clearinghouse@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dod-siting-clearinghouse@mail.mil) or by phone at (703) 571-0076."

From time to time, the MILDEPs may need to deviate from this language, although those instances should rarely occur. They should inform the DoD Siting Clearinghouse before such a

deviation.

Should a MILDEP believe that an energy project is likely to rise to the level of an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States, a Mitigation Response Team (MRT) will be established to investigate reasonable and affordable mitigation with the developer. Should mitigation discussions fail, and the energy project is still deemed to rise to the level of an unacceptable risk to national security of the United States, then the MOC will brief the Board of Directors who will make a recommendation to the USD/AT&L under provisions identified in Reference d).

It is no longer required that MILDEPs refrain from filing objections for non-energy projects without using the mission compatibility evaluation process.

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