

INFORMATION PAPER
East Coast Regional Review Board
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Subj: GREATER SANDY RUN AREA LAND ACQUISITION

1. Background. MCB Camp Lejeune has proposed the acquisition of a 40,000+ acre tract of land contiguous to the Base's western boundary known as the Greater Sandy Run Area or GSRA. The land to be acquired will be used for maneuver, weapons firing ranges, indirect fire weapons impact area, and range support facilities. Planning for Base expansion was initiated in approximately 1986 with the Special Training Analysis and Land and Training Area Requirements Study. In August 1989, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released for comments. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was forwarded to HQMC in August 1990. The HQMC EIS Review Board approved the document. Funding for the acquisition is contained in the Navy's FY92 MILCON program.

2. Discussion. None.

3. Current Status. The SecDef moratorium on land acquisition imposed in September 1990 has been waived to permit the completion of the required environmental documentation. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was distributed for public review in May 1991. Concurrently, a Consistency Determination for the acquisition was provided to the State of North Carolina. This document presented the analysis of the Holly Ridge, Onslow County and State land use plans and other enforceable regulations. The conclusion was that the proposed acquisition is consistent.

In May 1991, the U. S. House of Representatives passed Bills which included the funding for the acquisition. The full Senate is expected to vote on similar Bills in the September time frame. On 1 September 1991 LANTDIV NAVFAC established a real estate field office in the GSRA to continue land planning efforts and prepare for the potential acquisition. On 18 September 1991 the first GSRA Developmental meeting was held at Camp Lejeune to coordinate future requirements for the GSRA. On 25 September 1991 the SecNav signed the Record of Decision (ROD) to expand Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. The ROD was published on page 5101 of the 3 October 1991 Federal Register.

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