Natural Infrastructure Management

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• Natural Infrastructure Management (NIM) History and Concepts
• Benefits of NIM
• Conducting the Natural Infrastructure Assessment (NIA)
• NIM-Environmental Management System (EMS)-Asset Management (AM) Integration
Air Force NIM History

- Encroachment national issue, Congressional demand for quantification
- New focus on managing resources to operational requirements
- Environmental transformation principles defined by SAF/IEE

2001
- Resource Capability Framework developed by SAF/IEE
- Framework shared with XO, XP, XI, IL, OSD, military services, Congress
- XO embraces concept, suggests pilot at Shaw AFB

2002
- Resource Capability developed
- Resource Capability pilot tests (ACC, AETC)

- Refinements, further development, additional coordination and interest
- Additional pilot tests at ANG, USAFE completed
- RC applied to all ACC bases, airspace, ranges

2003
- New policies to holistically manage natural infrastructure, AFPD 90-8
- XO/XP/IL/IE IPT formed to develop implementation guidance for policies
- Resource valuation initial exercises (Eglin)
- Resource Valuation inventory for Avon Park AFR and Poinsett Range

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### Air Force NIM History (continued)

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| 2005 | - Application of RC completed at AETC installations  
       - Application of RC and RV completed at AFSOC installations |
| 2006 | - Transformation from RC to NIA  
       - Application of the NIA in progress for PACAF installations  
       - Application of the NIA to AMC installations |
| 2007 | - Application of NIA at AMC Installations Completed  
       - Application of NIA at AFSPC Installations |
| 2008 | - NIA Guide Released by USAF Jan 08  
       - ACC NIA Updates  
       - PACAF NIA Updates |
| 2009 | - AFDW NIA Updates  
       - ANG NIA Updates |
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMACOM-DRE/CV
NGBC/F

SUBJECT: Air Force Natural Infrastructure Management Policy

References:
(a) Defense Installations Strategic Plan, 2004
(b) DoD Directive 4715.1E, "Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health (ESOH),
   19 Mar 2005
(c) 2007 USAF Posture Statement
(d) Air Force Policy Directive 90-8, Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health
    Program, 1 Sep 2004

This memo conveys the long range Air Force vision for Natural Infrastructure Management
(NIM) and institutes preliminary steps for implementation. AFIP 32-700, Environmental Quality
Program, currently in official coordination, will formally establish NIM requirements.

In order to sustain operational capability at our installations and ranges, the Air Force needs to
maintain an adequate supply of air & space, land, and water resources (i.e., natural infrastructure)
to test, train, and perform our diverse missions. Physical resource limitations, increasing local
competition for these resources, regulatory restrictions, and other encroachment pressures are
increasingly stressing our ability to maintain access to the natural infrastructure (NI) necessary
to meet current and emerging mission requirements. Presently, many of our installations employ
workarounds, accommodate inefficiencies, and/or incur added costs to accomplish their daily Air
Force missions. Consequently, we must take an objective look at the causes of these mission impacts
to determine if there are feasible solutions to prevent further degradation of (and enhance) our mission
capability.

Paragraphing from the Defense Installations Strategic Plan, we must sustain, restore and
modernize our installations assets to ensure availability, when and where needed, with the relevant
capabilities and capacities necessary to effectively and efficiently support the 21st century Air Force.
Integral to meeting this goal, we must focus our NIM efforts to preserve operational capabilities
while balancing the needs of the environment and surrounding communities. NIM establishes the
construct under which we will do just that.

NIM institutes a holistic, asset management approach that links all organizations that control NI
assets (e.g., airspace, frequency spectrum, land training areas, etc.) and focuses management actions
toward one common goal—mission sustainment. It integrates associated operational and
environmental information to provide decision makers with a more complete and relevant sight
posture regarding current operational opportunities and efficiencies, their impacts, and how
conditions are expected to change in the future. At the installation and MACOM levels, this process
will assist in identifying and prioritizing initiatives to address imminent inefficiencies and
encroachments, and leverage excess capacities for mission growth. Additionally, at the Air Staff and
DOD levels, when combined with similar data from other commands and Services, it will enable

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ELEMENTS OF NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

• Airspace
• Air Quality
• Water Supply
• Water Discharge
• Land
• Frequency Spectrum
• Energy
• Waste

“Sustain, Restore, and Modernize”
Sources of NI Encroachment

Encroachment → Degradation and/or Denial of Access to a Resource that Results from Competition (Internal or External) for that Resource

- Contiguous Development
- UXO
- Air Quality Restrictions
- Airspace Restrictions
- Operational Costs
- Financial Costs
- Land Use Control Issues
- Cultural Resources
- Community Concerns
- Endangered Species
- Noise Restrictions

RISK

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NIM Concepts

• Focus Management on Sustaining NI for the Mission and Future Generations
  • Air, Land, Water, Energy, Waste
• Manage NI as a Group of Assets
• Set Goals to Prevent Encroachment Based on Mission Requirements
NIM Benefits

- Provides Leadership Complete Picture of the Ability of the NI to Support:
  - Current Mission
  - Future Mission Changes
- Enhances Decision Making Necessary to Address Deficiencies and Opportunities for Growth
- Improves Bed-down Process
- Encroachment Trend Monitoring/Analysis
- Congressional Reporting
Natural Infrastructure Assessment

- Establish NI quantities, conditions, and capacities
- Assess the ability of NI assets to meet current mission needs
- Provide baseline knowledge for:
  - Future basing actions and NI asset requirements
  - Making decisions to better manage NI
  - Risk management actions, sustaining needed infrastructure, and preventing encroachment
  - Determining availability of key NI

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Natural Infrastructure Assessment

• NIA conducted via Cross Functional Team
• Annual Update
• Living Document
• NIA Tool
• NIM Community of Practice
NIA Tool

Standardized NIA Data Collection and Analysis “tool”
- AF NIA Spreadsheet – Air & Space, Land, Water
- NIA Supplemental Spreadsheet – Waste and Energy

N-Ratings are Based on Embedded Calculations Using Entered Data
N-Ratings

**N-0** – Resource is capable of fully supporting the current mission of assigned units, organizations, and tenants with no work-arounds and offers additional capacity to meet potential future mission.

**N-1** – Resource is capable of supporting the current mission of assigned units, organizations, and tenants with no work-arounds.

**N-2** – Resource is capable of supporting the current mission of assigned units, organizations, and tenants with minimal work-arounds.

**N-3** – Resource capability presents a challenge for supporting the current mission of assigned units, organizations, and tenants due to moderate work-arounds.

**N-4** – Resource capability presents significant challenges for supporting the current mission of assigned units, organizations, and tenants due to significant work-arounds.
Airspace Measures

- Airfield Accessible Volume
  - Measures volume and restrictions with the TCA (Class D)
- Military Airspace Accessible Volume
  - Measures volume and restrictions with SUA
    - MOA's, Warning Areas, Restricted Areas
- Distance
  - Measures the distance traveled to training areas
Land

Military Land – Test and Training Areas (TTA)
- TTA Mission Req. – Area
- TTA Mission Req. – Time
- Time Access Denied to TTA

Non-Military Land – Data Collection
- QD Arcs, Weapon Danger Zones, Firing Safety Zones
- AICUZ
Non-Military Land

Data collection for QD Arcs, Weapon Danger Zones, and Firing Safety Fans

• Determine if any acreage extends off base
• Controlling mechanisms implemented by the community
  • Easements, zoning, etc.

AICUZ

• Acreage zone incompatible
• Controlling mechanisms implemented by community
Water

Water Supply

• Water Supply Source (Avg/Peak)
  • Compares water supply with average and peak water demand including fire demand

• Water Distribution System (Avg/Peak)
  • Compares the capacity of the water distribution system with average and peak water demand including fire demand

• Water Supply Quality
  • Determine if primary and secondary drinking water standards are met
Water

Water Discharge

• Storm Water Discharge Capacity (Avg/Peak)
• Storm Water Discharge Quality
• Storm Water Receiving Body Quality (current/future)
• Wastewater Discharge Capacity (Avg/Peak)
• Wastewater Discharge Quality
• Wastewater Receiving Body Quality
Waste Measures

On-Site Solid Waste Capacity
• Calculates the number of years remaining for disposal in an existing on-site landfill

Off-Site Solid Waste Availability
• Assesses the out-year availability to receive solid waste off-site within the region

Hazardous Waste Disposal Cost
• Compares the cost per ton of hazardous waste to the avg cost per ton for disposal

Diversion Rate
• Measures the success of the installation in achieving its annual diversion rate goal
Energy Measures

Fuel Throughput
- Ability of fuel systems to deliver the required gallons per day to meet mission needs

Fuel Storage
- Evaluates the volume of fuel storage available to meet the throughput demand for 7 days

System Capacity vs. Average Usage
- Evaluates capacity of energy supply system to meet average demand
Energy Measures Cont’d

System Capacity vs. Peak Usage

• Compares energy supply against demand in most constrained month

Days Restricted

• Quantifies the number of days restrictions of the energy supply

Blackouts/Brownouts

• Captures the number blackout/brownout occurrences per year
NIM/EMS/AM Integration

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NIM/EMS/AM Integration

NIA results used to set objectives and targets in EMS

EXAMPLES:

• Objective: Reduce energy consumption
• Target: Reduce energy consumption by 3% by 2011
  • NIA energy measure to track electrical supply

• Objective: Reduce water consumption
• Target: Reduce water consumption by 5% by 2010
  • NIA water supply measure to track water usage
Draft NI Asset Management Plan (AMP)

- Preservation of airspace
- Acquisition of additional land that is required to meet the identified future requirements of the base
- Management of:
  - Encroachment and natural infrastructure impacts
  - Natural water resources (other than those related to the water supply and wastewater activities)
  - Threatened and endangered flora
  - Restoration (natural resource damage, erosion management, etc)
Sustainability

Executive Order 13423

- Use NIM to Measure Environmental Goals

Blueprint for Sustainability

- Energy Efficiency
- Recycling
- Pollution Reduction
- Reduce Water Consumption
- Reduce Hazardous Waste
- Implement an EMS
Questions?