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FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT
FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND BEDDOWN OF C-27J AIRCRAFT
AT THE 175TH WING
MIDDLE RIVER, MARYLAND

The National Guard Bureau (NGB), Maryland Air National Guard (MDANG), a tenant of and on behalf of the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and pursuant with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4321, et seq.), its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) directives (Orders 5050.4B, *Airport Environmental Handbook* and 1050.1E, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*), has completed a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction program and beddown of C-27J aircraft at the 175th Wing (175 WG) at Martin State Airport (MTN) in Middle River, Maryland. The Supplemental EA examined replacing the C-27J mission with a cyber/intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (Cyber/ISR) mission and amending the proposed construction program. The NGB amended the EA for the *Proposed Construction Program and Beddown of C-27J Aircraft at the 175th Wing (175 WG)* (June 2010) with updated mission requirements for the Supplemental EA. No new aircraft will be relocated to the Base as part of the Cyber/ISR mission.

The NGB, as the lead federal agency, prepared the Supplemental EA in March 2014 and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed project on November 13, 2014. MTN is an FAA federally-obligated airport, owned and operated by the MAA, therefore the FAA was a Cooperating Agency on the Supplemental EA and independently evaluated the information contained in NGB's EA. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ's) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1506.3, and FAA Orders 1050.1E and 5050.4B, Paragraph 704(b), the FAA adopts NGB's *Construction Program and Beddown of C-27J Aircraft at the 175th Wing*, the Supplemental EA to the June 2010 EA.

The primary purpose of the proposed construction program and beddown of C-27J Aircraft at the 175 WG is to provide the 175 WG with properly sized and configured facilities that are required to effectively accomplish its mission and would comply with Air National Guard (ANG) Instruction 32-1023, *Criteria and Standards for Air National Guard Construction*, Air Force Handbook 32-1084, *Facility Requirements* and ANG Handbook 32-1084, *Facility Space Standards*. The construction is also necessary to replace outdated facilities and to provide security of assets. New facilities will adhere to *Department of Defense (DOD) Minimum Antiterrorism Standards for Buildings* as

presented in Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 4-010-01, effective 9 February 2012, Change 1, 1 October 2013.

The FONSI demonstrates and documents FAA's compliance with the procedural requirements for airport development. FAA arrived at these determinations by considering public and agency comments and reviewing the environmental analysis in the Final Supplemental EA and all other relevant documents that comprise the EA record. The FONSI completes a thorough and careful environmental decision making process. This includes public disclosure and review by the FAA decision maker of the analysis of alternatives and their potential impacts that are described in the Final EA.

The Final Supplemental EA and FONSI are available online at <http://www.marylandaviation.com/content/environmental/environmentaldocs.html>. Hard copies are available for review at the following locations during regular business hours until February 10th, 2015:

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