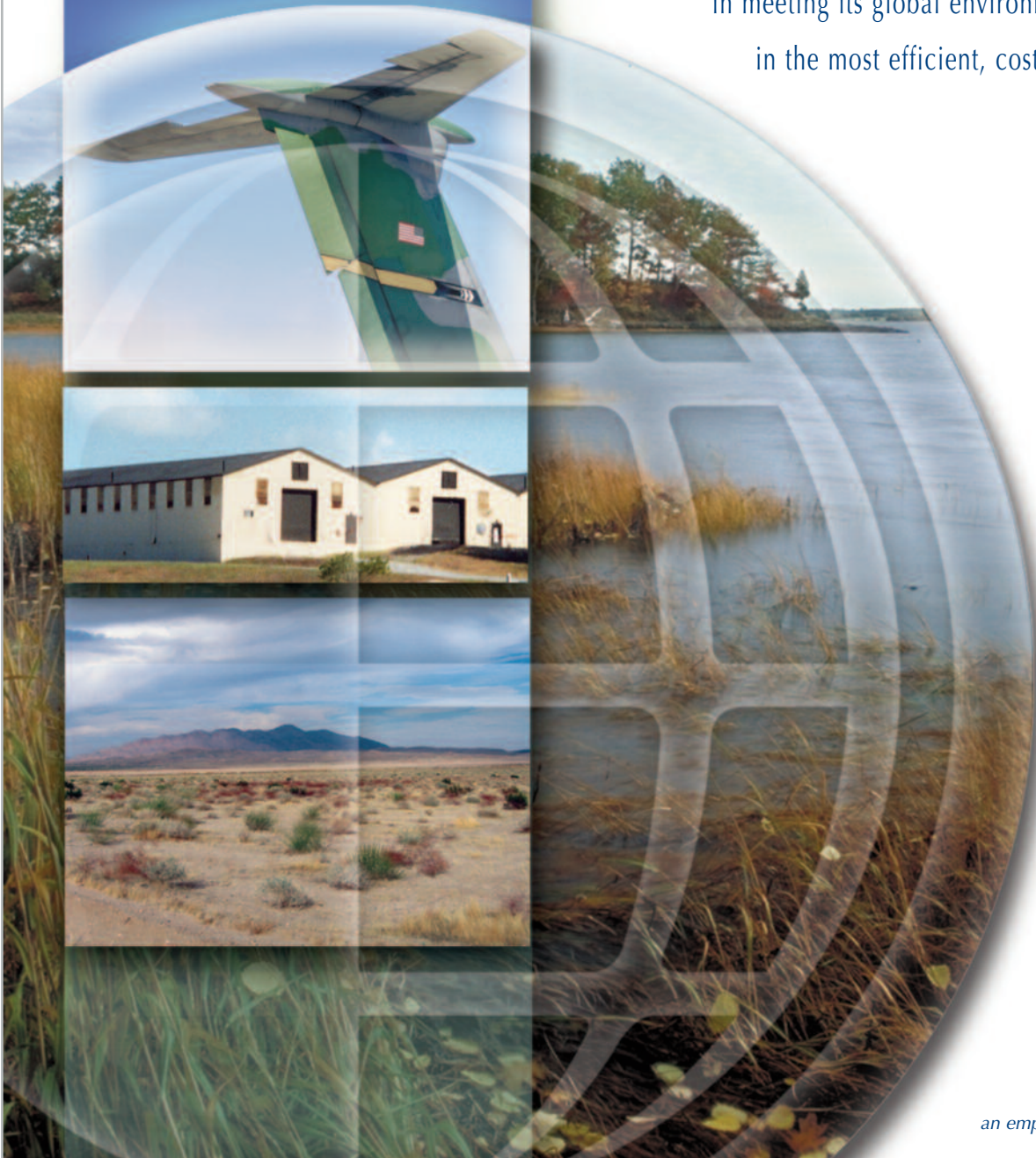




The Trusted Integrator for Sustainable Solutions

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Weston Solutions supports DOD
in meeting its global environmental challenges
in the most efficient, cost-effective manner



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>Facing the Issues



WESTON can help DOD installations address the challenges of environmental compliance while they focus on accomplishing their mission.

All projects initiated or funded by the federal government, including those funded by the Department of Defense (DOD), must be assessed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before the agency may begin work on the project. Depending on the complexity of the project, assistance may be needed to complete this required analysis.

One of the toughest challenges faced by the DOD is meeting mission requirements while complying with the requirements of NEPA. You must rely on your go-to contractors to prepare concise, timely, and legally defensible NEPA documents that comply with your regulations and are within your mission constraints. Short timelines and limited budgets are considerations you must evaluate when choosing a NEPA contractor. In addition, you must be confident that your contractor understands all aspects of NEPA, including your specific implementation regulations, public participation requirements, data collection and management, and analysis techniques.

>Solving Your Toughest Challenges

Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON®) has been working with the DOD for over 35 years. We understand the environmental challenges faced by military installations as well as the environmental documentation requirements under NEPA. We have completed all levels of NEPA analysis and decision documents including preparation of:

- Categorical Exclusions (CATEXs)
- Environmental Assessments (EAs)
- Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
- Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)s)
- Records of Decision (RODs)

NEPA regulations require each agency to prepare agency-specific NEPA implementation regulations. We fully understand your specific implementation regulations and have extensive experience preparing NEPA documentation for all branches of the DOD.

NEPA REGULATIONS

Federal	40 CFR 1500-1508
DOD	32 CFR 188
Air Force	32 CFR 989 / 64 FR 38127
Army	32 CFR 651 / FR 54348
Army Corps of Engineers	33 CFR 230
Navy	32 CFR 775 / 64 FR 37069

WESTON has the full capability required to plan and manage both straightforward and complex NEPA projects in an efficient and cost-effective manner, maintain project schedule, and prepare high-quality, legally defensible documents. We:

- Are familiar with DOD missions, processes, and requirements
- Understand our role as a consultant in offering our technical expertise to efficiently assist the DOD in navigating the NEPA process
- Work closely and communicate often to update our clients on the status of the work, discuss issues, and refine tasks to be accomplished
- Routinely accommodate fast-track schedules through effective personnel management, accelerated deliverable schedules, and facilitation of government review cycles
- Excel at difficult or controversial public meetings for high-profile projects

Adherence to the project budget and schedule is critical for successful project completion. WESTON uses a reliable, computer-based cost-tracking mechanism that provides weekly project budget reports summarizing the status of the previous week as well as cumulative labor charges and expenses. For more-complex and lengthy projects, we require each resource lead to prepare weekly reports summarizing work accomplished, work anticipated, and any problems encountered. This system allows us to track progress, monitor the schedule, and identify problems before they become schedule or budget concerns.



WESTON prepared an Environmental Assessment for Installation Development and "build out" at Laughlin AFB, Texas.



WESTON prepared an Environmental Assessment for road improvements at Luke AFB, Arizona, for a project that would allow Luke AFB to meet Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) Standards.

>Bringing Benefit

WESTON's NEPA Team provides the following benefits:

Full Range of NEPA and Associated Studies: WESTON's NEPA expertise allows us to provide our clients with a single source to meet their NEPA needs. The in-house availability of these skills allows WESTON to develop feasible and cost-effective solutions to environmental challenges from technical, economic, social, and community perspectives.

minIT®: WESTON has applied innovative technology to solve a critical need for timely, legally defensible NEPA documentation.

The **minIT®** Electronic Administrative Record Database facilitates management and compilation of the Administrative Record. The tool automates, organizes, and stores the entire record; provides search capability; allows for filter and analysis of public comments; and allows for easy response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Experienced Personnel: Our NEPA specialists have diverse backgrounds supporting DOD and non-DOD agencies; over 60% of our NEPA experts have experience with DOD.

Quick Response: Our full-service offices located nationwide enable us to respond quickly to any DOD installation's requirements.

Diverse Contracting Capability: Our convenient and flexible contracting options and DOD-approved purchasing systems routinely handle programs with numerous and simultaneous tasks and sites.

Strong Federal Agency Relationships: Our role as a consultant to other federal agencies facilitates coordination under NEPA for programs administered by other agencies, such as endangered species, cultural resources, and water resource management.

Key Subcontracting Alliances: We have established alliances with key specialty firms who are recognized industry leaders. Among these firms are Small Businesses that may be included in our project team to supplement our internal resources, provide cost-effective project solutions, and assist our clients in complying with DOD Small Business program goals.

>Proven Experience

WESTON has prepared a broad range of NEPA and related documents for DOD. Our services have varied significantly and range from evaluation of actions associated with Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 and Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP), to future mission requirements and privatization of military family housing (MFH). Please contact us for a full description of NEPA services we have provided to your specific DOD branch.



Photo courtesy Laughlin AFB

General Environmental Impact Analysis Process for Installation Development, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

WESTON provided environmental documentation to assess "building out" the Installation General Plan as well as bed-down of additional aircraft and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) mission consistent with BRAC 2005 requirements. The project involved development of an EA, an Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS), and updating the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone report. The extremely tight schedule requirements were addressed through close coordination with the client. A complete understanding of the client's needs resulted in reduced government review times, fewer government comments on draft deliverables, and reduced document turnaround times.

Environmental Assessment for Modifications to Litchfield Road/Thunderbird Street Intersection, Luke AFB, Arizona

The Air Force proposed tightening security by limiting public access to Luke AFB through modifications to the Litchfield Road/Thunderbird Street intersection. Road modifications were needed to address ATFP standards at Air Force bases due to 9/11 and staffing shortages. WESTON was able to provide a thorough, legally defensible EA, on time and within aggressive scheduling requirements, adjusting timelines to allow for additional government review time. WESTON responded to changing circumstances and quickly brought in a subcontractor to respond to a last-minute requirement for an archaeological survey. As an added value, WESTON provided an automated Administrative Record on compact disk.

➤ Proven Experience *(continued)*

Environmental Assessment for Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) Building 8, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

CCAD is engaged in the maintenance and modification of rotary wing aircraft, engines, and components as well as the training of Reserve, National Guard, active duty, and foreign military mechanics and technicians. WESTON prepared an EA to evaluate the impacts of the operations of Building 8 at CCAD in relation to the relocation/construction of a new Building 8. The project was especially challenging because CCAD is a tenant on a Naval installation, resulting in the involvement of three different federal agencies: the U.S. Army, the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Navy. The Army and the Navy needed to sign separate decision documents for this EA to comply with each agency's respective NEPA implementation regulations. WESTON facilitated close communication among CCAD, Tulsa Corps, and each Navy contact to address and resolve all issues related to EA development. This close communication allowed WESTON to complete the EA within the strict deadline needed by CCAD.



WESTON prepared Environmental Assessments for military family housing privatization, including privatization of historic homes, at Maxwell AFB, AL, and Randolph AFB, TX.

Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment for Military Family Housing (MFH) Privatization, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, and Randolph AFB, Texas

Maxwell AFB was the first Air Education and Training Command (AETC) installation to consider homes listed on the National Register of Historic Places as part of MFH privatization concepts, and EAs for both installations assessed the impact of the privatization of historic homes. Alternative privatization concepts changed significantly during the project execution. Most notably, modifications to the proposed and alternative actions changed the scope of the analyses from EISs to EAs. WESTON was able to quickly respond to these changes and recommend schedule adjustments to ensure compliance with AETC goals. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and a Programmatic Agreement for historic properties were signed for both installations, which allowed privatization of MFH to proceed.



WESTON prepared a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Brigade Combat Team Transformation at Fort Irwin, California.

Brigade Combat Team Transformation Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Irwin, California

WESTON developed a Programmatic EIS for Brigade Combat Team Transformation for Fort Irwin and the National Training Center to address changes in the Fort Irwin mission. WESTON's activities considered the dynamic conditions at the site, which included recent land expansion, the presence of threatened and endangered species, and the unique challenges faced by a remote installation. WESTON provided extensive assistance in the development of alternatives for the transformation concept and played a key role in facilitating review of the EIS at multiple levels within the Army. As an added value, WESTON utilized the minIT® Electronic Administrative Record Database to compile all materials associated with the project.

Tinker Aerospace Complex (TAC) Environmental Assessment and Phase II Environmental Baseline Survey, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

Tinker AFB was considering a long-term lease of a 3.8-million-square-foot industrial and manufacturing facility on a 430-acre parcel. The lease would provide an opportunity for Tinker AFB to relocate and consolidate numerous Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center maintenance activities into one facility, known as the TAC. WESTON successfully coordinated with the facility owner and Tinker AFB to prepare an EBS and EA for the Proposed and Alternative Actions. During preparation of the Preliminary Draft EA, WESTON facilitated a cooperative government review of the document to accommodate a fast-track completion schedule. Additionally, WESTON quickly responded to a request by the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey to prepare a Phase I Archaeological Survey at the project site while staying within the existing budget. WESTON's flexibility and inventiveness allowed the project to be completed on time and within budget, while considering the sensitive nature of the land transaction.

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