

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT AIR FORCE USE OF DEPARTMENT ARMY CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR
DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS 253 AND 255 at
PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

Demolition of Buildings 253 and 255 at Patrick Space Force Base (PSFB) has been proposed as the facilities are condemned, have no active mission, are in poor condition, and are beyond repair. If not demolished, these facilities would continue to deteriorate and pose a safety hazard. The Proposed Action would consist of the demolition of Buildings 253 and 255, associated concrete pads, and adjacent sidewalks. All utilities would be left in place and capped on site. The site would be returned to existing grade.

The Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) was conducted on the proposed project in accordance with 32 CFR Part 989 to comply with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Air Force regulations implementing NEPA. Pursuant to NEPA, the use of Categorical Exclusions (CATEX) may be appropriate where an agency has determined an action falls within a category of actions that a federal agency has determined normally does not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Agencies may rely on CATEXs promulgated by the agency itself, or those promulgated by other agencies adopted pursuant to 42 USC §4336c. On 25 Nov 24, the Air Force published in the Federal Register (89 FR 92911) its identification and adoption of a range of other agency CATEXs, including the Department of the Army CATEX described in Appendix B to 32 CFR Part 651, Section II, paragraph (c)(2) *“Demolition of non-historic buildings, structures, or other improvements and disposal of debris there from, or removal of a part thereof for disposal, in accordance with applicable regulations, including those regulations applying to removal of asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead-based paint, and other special hazard items.”*

A review of the proposed project and methods for demolition resulted in no anticipated adverse effects to the human environment. The project will not affect wetlands, floodplains, or other sensitive habitat or have any effect on federally listed threatened or endangered species. As this project consists entirely of demolition and disposal of construction waste, DA CATEX (c)(2) applies to the action. The analysis and findings have been documented on an Air Force Form 813 as required by the Air Force EIAP process.

This public notice has been prepared in accordance with 42 USC §4336c to identify to the public the CATEX that the adopting agency plans to use for its proposed action.

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PRIVACY ADVISORY NOTICE

Public comments on this action may be submitted pursuant to NEPA, 42 *United States Code* 4321, et seq. All written comments received will be made available to the public and considered during final preparation of the EIAP document. Providing private address information with your comment is voluntary and such personal information will be kept confidential unless release is required by law. However, address information will be used to compile the project mailing list and failure to provide it will result in your name not being included on the mailing list.