

NATIVE AMERICAN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS (NAMSEI)

NAMSEI is an online system that allows tribal leaders and the public to access, report, and share information on DoD-related issues of concern. It also tracks and maintains information on over 1000 potential impacts to tribal lands and resources resulting from DoD activities. NAMSEI provides a historical record of site assessment results, presents a forum to report new suspected impacts, and receives online comments about assessments and project updates.

For more information, visit www.namei.com
Call 1-888-623-8748 (Toll Free)
for assistance to log on and for a password.

DoD Impacts NALEMP Helps Address Include

- Hazardous Materials
- Munitions Debris
- Unsafe Buildings or Structures
- Lead-based Paint and Asbestos
- Abandoned Equipment

NALEMP

HISTORY

Certain DoD operational and training activities may have had adverse effects on tribal environmental health and safety, economic, social, and cultural welfare.

MISSION

DoD created the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) to address environmental impacts on Indian lands and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)-conveyed properties from former DoD activities and facilities.

GOAL

DoD is committed to address impacts from weapons testing, practice bombings, field maneuvers, and other activities through government-to-government consultation. DoD works closely with tribes to mitigate environmental impacts with the maximum tribal participation possible.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DoD has assessed over 90 percent of one thousand reported potential impacts to determine NALEMP eligibility, mitigated impacts at more than 100 sites, completed cleanup at more than half the mitigated sites, and trained thousands of DoD personnel with skills for effective consultation with tribal governments.



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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NATIVE AMERICAN LANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM (NALEMP)



NALEMP OVERVIEW

In recognition of the need to address tribal concerns in DoD environmental programs, Congress has, since 1993, provided funds annually to mitigate environmental impacts to Indian lands and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)-conveyed properties.

NALEMP is the DoD environmental program that uses site evaluation and assessment processes consistent with national environmental regulatory requirements while also considering other potential effects on tribal communities' way of life.

NALEMP-eligible sites are screened to determine priority for cleanup action based on health, safety, and the environment criteria. NALEMP reviews life-ways issues, or impacts to traditional ways of life, including the ability of tribes to conduct subsistence activities or access sites for cultural or religious purposes. In addition, the program considers economic issues such as whether access to natural resources for commercial use and/or land for development is affected. NALEMP also reviews impacts to tribal programs and opportunities to leverage other federal or state agency support for cleanup action.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A potential mitigation project is eligible for NALEMP funding when all of the following criteria apply:

- The impact must affect a Federally-recognized tribe or consortia of Federally-recognized tribes.
- The impact must be on eligible lands, including any land or title held in trust by the United States for the benefit of any Indian tribe or individual; any land or title held by any Indian tribe or individual subject to restrictions by the United States against alienation; any restricted Townsite deeds held by Alaska Natives pursuant to the Native Townsite Act , 44 Stat., 629, 25 May 1926 (repealed 1976), which are still held in trust; or ANCSA-conveyed lands owned by ANCSA regional or village corporations.
- The mitigation of the specific impact will not be funded by any other government programs within the next three years.
- Environmental damage and/or impacts must be attributable to past DoD military activities, facilities, or operations.

NALEMP ensures that the resources for the program address environmental and other needs of Native Americans. Each year numerous tribes benefit from NALEMP funding to clean up contamination at eligible sites.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Under NALEMP, DoD enters into Cooperative Agreements (CAs) with tribal governments to address problems attributable to past DoD activities. These agreements incorporate "traditional ecological knowledge" into the design for cleanup, involve the tribe in project decision making, and develop tribal capacity regarding environmental services and technical remediation skills. DoD has executed hundreds of these agreements with Tribes all across the nation at a total funding level of over \$100 million.

SELECTION PROCESS

A potential impact to Indian lands can be reported by:

- Posting a comment or report on the Native American Management System for Environmental Impacts (NAMSEI) system at www.namsei.com.
- Contacting the DoD Senior Tribal Liaison or the NALEMP Manager or Tribal Liaison in the nearest U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) District office.
- Contacting an applicable local or regional USACE Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) office.

DoD researches historic records, documents, and literature, and conducts interviews to evaluate all information about the reported impact. An onsite investigation occurs if additional information is needed. The reports are reviewed by all parties for accuracy and are entered into the NAMSEI system. NAMSEI helps track mitigation efforts and the exchange of information between the DoD and tribes.

All eligible sites are screened annually for available funding. When Congressional funding becomes available, DoD uses information in NAMSEI to decide which sites to prioritize for funding. DoD considers factors other than risk to human health and the environment for cleanup of sites on Indian lands, including impacts to traditional practices, subsistence lifestyles, and economic viability.

DoD works with tribes with selected projects on a government-to-government basis to determine how best to mitigate the environmental impact(s). If the site is ineligible for NALEMP funding, DoD assists the tribe to identify other appropriate resources to help address the reported impact(s). Other potential funding sources may include other DoD, federal agency, or state environmental programs.

