

**DRAFT**  
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**JOINT TASK FORCE SIX**  
**CONSTRUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITY**  
**ADA, PONTOTOC COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

The Proposed Action would involve the construction of a law enforcement training facility in the northwest portion of Ada, Oklahoma in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The purpose of the Proposed Action and Alternatives is to provide training to those DLEAs who work to decrease or eliminate illegal contraband (i.e. drugs, weapons, vehicles) from being transported through the area and to reduce associated crime. The goal of the proposed project is to maximize the effectiveness of local and state DLEAs, specifically the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), in their deterrent efforts. In 1988, CLEET was given responsibility for state-wide continuing education programs and private security licensing and regulation functions.

The proposed law enforcement training facility would be constructed within a 356-acre parcel of land recently acquired by CLEET. This facility will enable trainees to develop skills necessary to correctly combat illegal drug trafficking and all aspects of law enforcement training. The proposed site is currently vacant, having been previously either undisturbed or used for rangeland. The proposed facility would include CLEET statewide headquarters and a training facility. Current training facilities are inadequate, and do not include a driver training track, firing range, or gymnasium. Further, these training facilities are shared with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and existing classroom and administrative office space is not sufficient to house both agencies.

Military engineers, through coordination of Joint Task Force Six (JTF-6) would deploy to construct the proposed project. Military personnel would bivouac on property near the airport facility currently owned by the City of Ada, OK. All wastewater collection, electric supply, potable water, and meals will be arranged by the military personnel deployed, thus making them self-sufficient. Military engineers will be used to construct the initial phase of the Proposed Action. For subsequent phases, private contractors would be utilized to provide services.

In addition to the Proposed Action, there were three other alternatives evaluated as part of this environmental impact analysis: 1) No-Action Alternative; 2) Alternative Construction Sites; and 3) Alternate Area Use. The No-Action Alternative was carried throughout the analysis, and would be reflected in the baseline environmental conditions of the area. Under the No-Action Alternative, there would be continued socioeconomic concerns relating to illegal drug trafficking and criminal activity. The remaining two alternatives were eliminated from further consideration without analysis because they would be too costly, had land use conflicts, or had greater potential for environmental impact concerns.

Surveys for threatened or endangered species and cultural resources were performed as part of the Environmental Assessment. No protected species or their habitats were located in the vicinity of the proposed project. A 100 percent pedestrian survey for cultural resources was conducted for the entire 356-acre parcel and it was determined that the proposed project will not affect property currently listed or eligible for listing on the National Register. No significant adverse impacts to other natural or socioeconomic resources are expected.

There would be no significant areas of environmental concern associated with the Proposed Action. Possible insignificant environmental impacts are associated with the proposed project (i.e., air, water, geological resources, biological resources, cultural, aesthetics, and noise); however, short-term impacts would be only temporary in nature and both short and long-term impacts will be mitigated through sound engineering practices. Under the Proposed Action, there is a possible beneficial socioeconomic impact to the region in the form of a reduction in drug trafficking and related criminal activities.

Based on the results of the EA and the environmental design measures to be incorporated as part of the Proposed Action, it has been concluded that the Proposed Action would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for the implementation of the Proposed Action.

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