

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE SELECTION AND USE OF AVIATION TERRAIN FLIGHT TRAINING ROUTES AND AREAS

**Description.** Interested parties are hereby notified that the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the proposed action described below.

**Statutory Authority.** The OHARNG issues this notice to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 United States Code § 4321 to 4370e).

**Proposed Action.** The OHARNG proposes to select and use three training routes and seven training areas for helicopter terrain flight training. A training route is a linear corridor that follows a specific path over the ground. A training area is a nonlinear space that does not have a specific path to be followed by aircraft. The training activities would include the following five flight modes and generally occur between ground surface and 500 feet above ground level: (1) nap of the earth flight, (2) contour flight, (3) low-level flight, (4) multi-ship operations, and (5) nighttime training flights. The helicopters would originate from Army Aviation Support Facility #1 (at the Akron-Canton Airport in North Canton) and Army Aviation Support Facility #2 (at Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus) and transit to the training locations at 1,000 feet above ground level. Training operations would occur Monday through Friday, including evenings Tuesday through Thursday, typically beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. and ending as late as 10:30 p.m.

The ten training locations are the Current Scioto River Training Route, Pickaway County Scioto River Training Route, Pike County Scioto River Training Route, Vinton Furnace State Forest Training Area, Shawnee Training Area, Wayne National Forest - Ironton Unit Training Area, Wayne National Forest - Athens Unit Training Area, Wayne National Forest - Marietta Unit Training Area, Brush Creek Military Operations Area Training Area, and the Jesse Owens State Park Training Area.

To address potential effects of its training operations on cultural resources, the OHARNG would undertake mitigation measures that avoid overflight of sensitive historic properties.

**Public Review.** The EA and draft FNSI will be available for a 30-day public comment period from January 3, 2026, to February 3, 2026. During this period, the public may submit comments on the EA and the draft FNSI. The EA and draft FNSI may be accessed through the following websites: <https://ong.ohio.gov/> and <https://arcg.is/0HCTCr2>.

**Comments.** Comments on the EA and draft FNSI should be submitted during the 30-day public comment period via US Mail or e-mail to: Brandon Trigg, Environmental Specialist, Directorate of Installation Management and Resources, The Adjutant General's Department, 2825 W. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235; e-mail: [brandon.l.trigg.nfg@army.mil](mailto:brandon.l.trigg.nfg@army.mil).