

considers developing transportable systems to defend elements of the armed forces of the United States deployed abroad, and United States' allies, against short- and medium-range missiles. The TMD segment was analyzed separately in the TMD Programmatic EIS, due to the distinct functions and independent utility of the TMD and NMD segments.

The decision conveyed by the ROD is to continue research, development, and testing of NMD capabilities. The decision includes continuing the NMD Technology Readiness Program but does not include the procurement or acquisition of an operational NMD system. Only limited NMD research, development, and testing is to continue. The acquisition of TMD system capabilities will continue as described in the TMD ROD published in the Federal Register on August 11, 1994 (59 FR 41277).

The specific decision with respect to NMD is to continue a focused approach to technology development in the form of the Technology Readiness Program (the Preferred Action in the Final PEIS). The program involves the development of existing and new technologies and test systems for BM/C3, GBS, GBI, and SBS elements. Research is to be focused to ensure the capability to deploy a limited NMD system in the next decade. Basic technology efforts will continue to infuse new advances as the program proceeds. Contingency planning and options development will continue to be conducted to meet unexpected threats.

Three NMD System Acquisition Alternatives were also evaluated. These alternatives consisted of proceeding with system acquisition and design of NMD elements through the Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) phase of the DoD System Acquisition Life-cycle. Activities included in the EMD phase involve development and testing of elements up to, but not including, element and/or system production and basing. The System Acquisition Alternatives evaluated were:

1. Ground- and Space-Based Sensors and Ground- and Space-Based Interceptors System Acquisition Alternative (which consists of Engineering and Manufacturing Development of GBS, SBS, GBI, SBI, and BM/C3);
2. All Ground-Based System Acquisition Alternative (which consists of Engineering and Manufacturing Development of GBS, GBI, and BM/C3); and
3. Ground- and Space-Based Sensors and Ground-Based Interceptors System Acquisition Alternative (which consists of Engineering and Manufacturing

Development of GBS, SBS, GBI, and BM/C3).

The Final PEIS analyses determined that environmental impacts for the Preferred Action (No Action Alternative) or any of the three System Acquisition Alternatives would be minimal. The Final PEIS analyses found no significant and unavoidable environmental impacts for the Preferred Action or any of the three alternatives. The Preferred Action would be termed the *environmentally preferred alternative* since there would be fewer activities associated with its implementation, and therefore fewer impacts. The other alternatives would generally create greater areas of disturbance, require more resources, and create more and greater hazards than the Preferred Action although the environmental impact of all options would be minimal.

Therefore, the implementation of BMD research, development, and testing activities and associated mitigation measures will proceed with minimal adverse impact to the environment. BMDO Deputies and Program Executive Officers are tasked to monitor these activities to ensure that the required environmental standards and controls described in the Final PEIS are followed. BMDO activities will conform with all applicable Federal, state, and local statutes and regulations. Additionally, all reasonable and practical efforts and appropriate safeguards will be implemented to minimize harm to the public and the environment.

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### Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Investigative Hearings

**AGENCY:** Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (a Presidentially appointed commission separate from and independent of DoD).  
**ACTION:** Notice of a public, deliberative hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 101-510, as amended, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission announces a day-long investigative hearing to be held in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Commission to consider additional and/or alternative bases to those recommended for closure and realignment by the Secretary of Defense on March 1, 1995.

The specific date, location, and general topics follow:

May 10 (Location: Hart Senate Office Building, Room 216)

—Chairpersons and representatives from each of the Commission staff's five review-and-analysis panels (Army, Navy, Air Force, InterAgency, and Joint-CrossService) present information concerning options for additional and/or alternative base-closure recommendations.

—Commission formally votes on additional and/or alternative bases as options for consideration.

The May 10 hearing will begin at 9 a.m. The building and room number are noted in parentheses following the date of the hearing. However, hearing location, date, and time are subject to change based upon availability of facilities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Wade Nelson, Director of Communications, at (703) 696-0504.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Changes to the above schedule will be published in the Federal Register by the Commission. Please call the Commission to confirm dates, times, and locations prior to each event. Individuals needing special assistance should contact the Commission in advance of each event to facilitate their requirements.

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### Defense Science Board Task Force on Combat Identification; Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Combat Identification will meet in closed session on July 11-12, 1995 at the MITRE Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology) on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will evaluate the DoD long term strategy and plan for development and fielding of a