

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the MDAC in response to the stated agenda of the planned meeting or at any time. Written statements pertaining to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting of the MDAC must be submitted to the MDAC's DFO no later than seven business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the MDAC may be submitted at any time. All written statements should be forwarded to the DFO at the aforementioned information contact and address in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word or MS PowerPoint). The DFO will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), in consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of Title 5, United States Code.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

C.R. Choate,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Office, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 07–4186 Filed 8–22–07; 12:44 pm]

BILLING CODE 5001–06–M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Sunshine Act Meeting; Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Department of Defense (DoD) announces the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

Name of Committee: Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC).

Dates of Meeting: September 5–6, 2007.

Location: 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–7100.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting: At this meeting, the Committee will receive classified briefings by MDA senior staff, Program Managers, senior DoD leaders, representatives from industry and the Services on the appropriate role for MDA in Cruise Missile Defense (CMD).

The mission of the MDAC is to provide the Department of Defense advice on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System to enter the acquisition process.

Proposed Agenda: Topics tentatively scheduled for discussion includes, but is not limited to administrative work; responsibilities for CMD development; current MDA CMD capabilities and responsibilities; review of governing directives; and CMD capabilities development programs for the Services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL Mark Zamberlan, Designated Federal Official (DFO) at mdac@mda.mil, phone/voice mail (703) 695–6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–7100.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the MDAC in response to the stated agenda of the planned meeting or at any time. Written statements pertaining to a specific topic being discussed at a planned meeting of the MDAC must be submitted to the MDAC's DFO no later than seven business days prior to the meeting in question. Written statements that do not pertain to a scheduled meeting of the MDAC may be submitted at any time. All written statements should be forwarded to the DFO at the aforementioned information contact and address in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word or MS PowerPoint). The DFO will review all submitted written statements and provide copies to all the committee members.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), in consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense General Counsel,

has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552(c)(1) of Title 5, United States Code.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

C.R. Choate,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Office, Department of Defense.*

[FR Doc. 07–4187 Filed 8–22–07; 12:45 pm]

BILLING CODE 5001–06–M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for Army Growth and Force Structure Realignment

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the availability of a DPEIS for the growth and realignment of the U.S. Army. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Department of the Army has prepared a DPEIS that evaluates the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with alternatives for growing and realigning the Army's force structure. Potential impacts have been analyzed at installations which are being considered for the stationing of 1,000 or more Soldiers in efforts to grow and realign the Army.

DATES: Written comments on the DPEIS will be accepted for 45 days following the publication of a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments and suggestions concerning this DPEIS to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, Attention: IMAE–PA, 5179 Hoadley Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010–5401. Comments may also be sent to:

PublicComments@aec.apgea.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Affairs Office at (410) 436–2556; facsimile at (410) 436–1693 (during normal business hours Monday through Friday).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action and analysis within the DPEIS covers those activities needed to increase the Army's end strength and realign its force structure from Fiscal Year 2008 through Fiscal Year 2013 to a size and composition that is better

able to meet national security and defense requirements. The Proposed Action involves stationing decisions to align Army forces in support of military transformation, unit equipment and training readiness, and Soldier and Family quality of life needs. To implement the Proposed Action, new units must be stationed at locations that are able to accommodate unit training, garrison operations, maintenance activities, and Soldiers and their Families. In addition, final stationing locations must support the strategic deployment and mobilization requirements of the nation's Combatant Commanders to ensure they will have the forces necessary to support regional contingency operations and planning requirements.

The current global security environment is turbulent, unpredictable, and rapidly changing. It has placed considerable demands on the nation's military, and highlighted the need for the Army to correct shortfalls in high-demand skills while conducting a thorough assessment of its force capabilities. No one has felt the impacts from the increased demands of the modern security environment more than the Soldiers and Families of the U.S. Armed Forces. To meet the challenges posed by a wider range of security threats present in the 21st century, the Army requires the growth and restructuring of its forces in order to sustain the broad range of operations needed to ensure national and global stability.

The DPEIS is being prepared to comply with NEPA (42 U.S.C. and *et seq.*) and meet Army NEPA procedures, which are outlined in Environmental Analysis of Army Actions (32 CFR Part 651). These regulations require the Army to consider the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of its proposed action and alternatives and to solicit the views of the public, so it can make an informed final decision regarding how to proceed.

The DPEIS examines major Army training installations and their ability to support new unit stationing actions in connection with the growth and realignment of the U.S. Army. The DPEIS will provide the Army senior leadership with a hard look at environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with the Proposed Action and inform the decision-making process for selecting the final stationing locations for new units. This effort includes analysis of specific actions that will need to be taken (such as the construction of housing and quality of life facilities, the construction of new training ranges and infrastructure, and

changes in the intensity of use of maneuver land and firing ranges) to station new units as part of the Army's overall efforts to grow and realign the force.

After reviewing a full range of alternatives sites, 17 installations capable of supporting the Army's growth and realignment have been evaluated for their ability to support three action alternatives. The installations carried forward for analysis include: Fort Benning, GA; Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Carson, CO; Fort Drum, NY; Fort Hood, TX; Fort Hunter-Liggett, CA; Fort Irwin, CA; Fort Knox, KY; Fort Lewis, WA; Fort Polk, LA; Fort Riley, KS; Fort Stewart, GA; White Sands Missile Range, NM; Yakima Training Center, WA; and Yuma Proving Grounds, AZ. Each of these installations could receive 1,000 or more additional Soldiers as part of alternatives being examined.

Alternatives carried forward for analysis in the DPEIS include: (1) Implementing Army force structure modifications between Fiscal Years 2008 and 2013 to support the Army's Modular transformation and Global Defense Posture Review (GDPR) decisions; (2) Executing those actions discussed as part of Alternative 1 and, in addition, adding approximately 30,000 Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) Soldiers to the Army to address critical shortfalls in high demand military skills in both Active Army and Reserve components; (3) Executing those actions proposed in Alternatives 1 and 2 and, in addition, grow the Army by up to 6 Active Duty Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs). Additional BCTs would be stationed at existing or newly established Army stationing locations within the continental United States. In addition to these alternatives, the No Action Alternative is described and its impacts are fully assessed and considered.

Analysis within the DPEIS covers those activities required to implement unit stationing actions associated with Army growth and realignment. Site-specific actions which will need to be taken include the construction of housing and quality of life facilities (i.e., gymnasiums, hospitals, shopping areas), the construction of new training ranges and infrastructure, and changes in the intensity of use of maneuver land and firing ranges associated with the increased frequency of training events. Stationing decisions made as part of this effort will also consider strategic military and national security considerations. New stationing actions must take place at locations which, if selected, are capable of supporting the

National Security Strategy (2006), the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR, 2006), National Military Strategy, and the Army Campaign Plan (ACP).

Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action have been considered in the DPEIS. The DPEIS identifies the environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with various unit stationing actions at each of the 17 installations carried forward for analysis. Impacts at sites would result from construction and training activities related to the growth and realignment of Army forces. Significant impacts to resources could be direct and long term. Decisions from the PEIS will be tiered into site-specific NEPA analysis at the installation level as specific stationing decisions are determined. The DPEIS will provide Army planners and decision makers with critical and timely information on the capacity and condition of each of the installation's environmental and socioeconomic resources preceding specific stationing actions. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to proposed alternatives. Additional concerns or impacts may be identified as a result of comments received on the DPEIS.

The Army invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the growth and realignment of the Army's forces and associated stationing actions are invited to participate in this NEPA evaluation process. Assistance will be provided upon request to anyone having difficulty understanding how to participate.

The availability of the PDEIS for public comment will also be announced through notices and national and local media news releases. Information on the DPEIS will be posted on the U.S. Army Environmental Command's Web site (www.aec.army.mil) for public access during the public comment period.

Dated: August 15, 2007.

Addison D. Davis, IV,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

[FR Doc. 07-4149 Filed 8-23-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3710-08-M