

**DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: July 13, 2005

TIME: 10:00 AM

MEETING [X] or PHONE CALL [] WITH:

Labette County, KS representatives

SUBJECT:

Kansas Army Ammunition Plant

PARTICIPANTS:

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SUMMARY/NOTES:

- The community, City of Parsons in Labette County, supports the closure and sees opportunities for the future.
- The community wants the recommendation to say that DoD will abandon/transfer at no cost all equipment, personal property in place for the benefit of the Community.
- The Community wants early cleanup and fast transfer to accelerate reuse and development on unused portions of the property.
- The Community would like to keep the existing contractor in place as a tenant who is available to compete for future DoD work.

- The Community wants to take ownership of the land/equipment/facilities.
- The Community believes that DoD can eliminate ownership costs by transferring land and equipment to the Community. This would allow the Community to enter into an arrangement with the current producer who would compete for DoD work thereby retaining the jobs in the community and avoiding the onetime cost that DoD will incur by transferring the equipment and establishing a new line at Crane AAP, IN. The recommendation also moves other product lines to McAlester AAP, OK, Milan, TN and, Iowa AAP, IA.
- The Community intends to submit to the Commission by 1 August 2005, a proposal for a “minor” language change in the BRAC recommendation for Kansas AAP.
- A munitions production chart from an Army briefing book was provided to illustrate their view that the current usage/capacity of some production sites has been overstated even though they did not challenging the data on Kansas AAP.
- The group understood that most of their issues were implementation issues and they stated that they had already had discussion with appropriate organizations within the Pentagon.
- Kansas AAP has approximately 13,800 acres of space, and no additional tenants except its operating contractor Day & Zimmermann. Equipment at the plant is 60% government owned, 40 % contractor owned and operating software belongs to the contractor. Kansas AAP has 212 ammunition storage igloos currently filled to 75% of storage capacity.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM, July 13, 2005.

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