

Neither the Department of Defense nor the Air Force have commissions in the same sense as the BRAC Commission established under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (more commonly referred to as BRAC). The formal recommendations to the BRAC Commission for closures and realignments are made under the BRAC law solely by the Secretary of Defense. Each Service Secretary will make recommendations for service unique functions directly to the Infrastructure Executive Council (IEC), which is chaired by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who will then forward their recommendations to the Secretary of Defense. Numerous joint cross-service teams will analyze the common business-oriented support functions and report their recommendations for closures and realignments through the Infrastructure Steering Group, which is chaired by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, to the IEC. The IEC will then, in turn, forward its recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

For Air Force unique functions, the Secretary of the Air Force has chartered a Base Closure Executive Group (BCEG). This group will conduct the Air Force analysis of data and information collected from Air Force installations and develop various options for closure and realignment. The Secretary of the Air Force will then consider the BCEG's advice and, in consultation with the Air Force Chief of Staff, will make the final Air Force recommendations to the IEC.

The BCEG consists of twelve General Officers and Senior Executive Service civilian members appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force. The members constitute an appropriate mix of Headquarters Air Force expertise from acquisition, environmental, financial management, infrastructure, legal, logistics, personnel, plans and programs, operations, Air Force Reserve and National Guard Bureau functions. The appointees names are confidential and sensitive, to insulate the BRAC process from potential outside pressures, interests and influence, and to ensure the fairness, impartiality, and rigor of our BRAC process, analysis and recommendations.

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, Mr. Nelson F. Gibbs (SAF/IE), provides BRAC policy oversight and direction, and is the focal point for and leads the Air Force BRAC effort. Mr. Michael Aimone, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Basing and Infrastructure Analysis (SAF/IEB), provides daily operational and policy direction and guidance for the entire Air Force BRAC effort, to include the BCEG.