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## Inquiry Response

**Re:** BI-0203 (CT-0836)

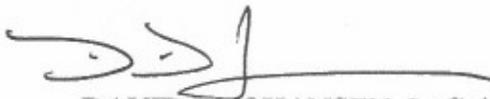
**Requester:** Ken Small, Air Force Team Leader, BRAC Commission R&A

**Background:** Community representatives at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) highlighted the proximity of the base to the Canadian border and the volume of vehicular traffic that enters the United States from the area. NFARS supports elements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Army Reserves and National Guard, Coast Guard, Drug Enforcement Agency, and Customs and Border Protection. Local agencies include Red Cross, Fire Department, County Sheriff, and the Niagara Falls Police. A chief concern of the community is how these agencies will be supported and the impact on homeland defense in the event NFARS is closed.

**Question:** Question for the Clearinghouse: Did the Department of Defense consider the impact of their recommendations on the budgets of other Federal agencies that use Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station?

**Answer:** Tenants, both DoD and Non-DoD, that reside on an installation (in this case Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS)) are considered when a closure recommendation is developed. In the case of NFARS, the Air Force is responsible for moving those tenants that reside on the installation. Those costs were included in the COBRA data submitted as part of the NFARS closure. The Air Force did not collect data concerning budgetary impact on local agencies or non-resident Federal agencies that use NFARS in accordance with OSD policy memorandum three direction.

Approved



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