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**MEMORANDUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS
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**SUBJECT: Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC 2005) Policy
Memorandum Eight - Selection Criterion 8**

Background

The Secretary of Defense's memorandum of November 15, 2002, established the authorities, organizational structure, goals, and objectives for the Department's development of BRAC 2005 recommendations. Policy Memoranda One through Seven provided further guidance on implementing BRAC 2005. This memorandum supplements Policy Memorandum Four by providing additional guidance regarding leased property.

Purpose

Selection criterion 8 assesses "the environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities" of closure and realignment recommendations. Through criterion 8, the Department considers the environmental impact of different closure and realignment scenarios as it develops its closure and realignment recommendations. This guidance supplements guidance previously provided on how the Department will consider the environmental impact of different closure and realignment scenarios as it develops its closure and realignment recommendations.

Policy Guidance

Policy Memorandum Four provided for the development of Summary of Scenario Environmental Impacts using the template at Appendix C of that memorandum. The purpose of this Summary is to identify the environmental impacts of a particular scenario in order to provide decision makers with the information they need to fully consider environmental impacts. The Military Department with real property responsibility for the affected installation(s), or DLA for property it operates exclusively as a stand-alone installation, is responsible for preparing the Summary. The Summary will consist of an overview of the certified data and potential impacts, including the costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.



For those scenarios where the losing installation is leased property, the scenario proponent may assume, absent data to the contrary, that the owner of that property will continue to lease it for similar purposes; consequently, it may be assumed that departing such a leased location will not adversely affect the environment. Furthermore, because the owner of the leased property will become responsible for all environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities at the leased location upon termination of the lease, the scenario proponent may assume that the closure or realignment scenario will not result in costs related to environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance, unless the lease expressly requires such activities before the lease may be terminated (in which case these costs should be included in the Summary). Absent any such lease requirements, the scenario proponent need only request that a Summary of Scenario Environmental Impacts be completed by the Military Department or DLA for the gaining installation.

For those scenarios where the gaining installation is leased property, the scenario proponent may assume that the owner of that property will be responsible for all environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities at the leased property. The scenario proponent also may assume that the movement of personnel to the leased location will not result in adverse environmental consequences, and that costs related to environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance will be incurred by the lease owner. If applicable, the scenario proponent need only request that a Summary of Environmental Impacts be completed by the Military Department or DLA for the losing installation.



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