



**2005 BRAC Commission Schedule**  
**Base Closure and Realignment Commission**

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**BRAC Commission Amends Regional Hearing Schedule**

Arlington, Virginia, May 26, 2005--Yesterday, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission made two scheduling changes for the regional hearings to accommodate greater stakeholder participation.

The hearing in Salt Lake City, Utah, previously scheduled for Tuesday, 7 June, will now be held on Monday, 6 June.

In addition, due to scheduling conflicts, the regional hearing previously scheduled in Dallas, Texas on 22 June will be consolidated with the hearing in San Antonio, Texas, scheduled on Monday, 11 July.

“Our goal remains to ensure that every regional hearing has ample representation by both the Commissioners and community participants. Several conflicting schedules made it necessary to change these hearings. The consolidated Texas hearing will be structured to provide adequate time to accommodate all participants originally scheduled for the Dallas hearing,” stated Chairman Anthony Principi.

“We are here to listen,” Chairman Principi continued. “The Commission’s purpose in holding regional hearings over the next few months is to receive community input from affected stakeholders.”

Chairman Principi added, “There will be multiple opportunities for affected states and communities to influence the process and make their voices heard.”

**The following provides an updated list of regional hearing cities and dates.**

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**Salt Lake City, Utah – Monday, June 6**  
 St. Louis, Missouri – Tuesday, June 7  
 Fairbanks, Alaska – Wednesday, June 15  
 Portland, Oregon – Friday, June 17  
 Rapid City, South Dakota – Tuesday, June 21  
 Grand Forks, North Dakota – Thursday, June 23  
 Clovis, New Mexico – Friday, June 24  
 Buffalo, New York – Monday, June 27

Charlotte, North Carolina – Tuesday, June 28  
 Atlanta, Georgia – Thursday, June 30  
 Boston, Massachusetts – Wednesday, July 6  
 Baltimore, Maryland – Friday, July 8  
**San Antonio, Texas – Monday, July 11**  
 New Orleans, Louisiana – Tuesday, July 12  
 Los Angeles, California – Thursday, July 14



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**BRAC Commission confirms receipt of the list of bases chosen for closure or realignment from the Pentagon**

Arlington, Virginia – Today the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC), received Volume I of the much-anticipated list of bases suggested for closure or realignment by the Department of Defense. Public Law 101-501 established this commission with the objective of creating a non-partisan, fair, and objective review of the list.

An accurate and thorough review will be conducted in which all voices from each community will be heard and the security needs of our country will have foremost importance.

Chairman Anthony Principi stated:

**“ I committed to the Congress, to the President, and to the American people, that our deliberations and decisions would be based on the criteria set forth in statute and devoid of politics. The process would be open, independent, fair and equitable and, that we would ensure a voice for the people affected by DoD’s proposals through both site visits and public hearings.”**

The commission will work over the weekend to prepare for next week’s Hearings starting on Monday.

**Date: Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 1:30PM - OPEN Session**

**WITNESSES:**

**Panel #1**

**Donald Rumsfeld**

Secretary of Defense

**General Meyers**

Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Panel #2**

**Mr. Philip W. Grone,**

Principle Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment

**Honorable Michael W. Wynne**

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Technology

**SUBJECT:**

Presentation of Department of Defense BRAC Recommendations and Methodology

**PRESS Availability with all Commissioners – Details TBA this afternoon.**

OpEd by BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony J. Principi

October 18, 2005

Homes in the NAS Oceana Accident Potential Zones exceed Cecil Field by an Estimated 40 times.

The 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission first learned of the effects of encroachment on the military value of the Navy's Oceana, Virginia Master Jet Base on May 17th when the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) testified before the Commission that the Navy had looked at several possible alternative locations for the base but was unable to find a suitable site.

After the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana briefed the Commission on May 24th on the detrimental effects of encroachment upon the installation, the Commission was compelled to consider if Atlantic Fleet Strike Fighter Wings' operational readiness, as well as the safety of the citizens of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, were threatened by growing residential and commercial development. Further, the Commission had to consider whether the Navy would be able to continue operating NAS Oceana as a Master Jet Base if the City of Virginia Beach and the State of Virginia did not act on the Navy's often-requested measures to significantly limit and roll back that encroachment.

Both the Navy and the Commission clearly recognized that there was an encroachment problem at Oceana that had to be addressed, and that the Navy did not have a solution. Based on the CNO's comments, the Commission first considered Georgia's Moody Air Force Base as an alternative site. The Commission did not consider Cecil Field until after the Commission's July 22nd public hearing in New Orleans when the Florida delegation offered that facility as a possible alternative to Oceana.

Contrary to some reports, the Commission evaluated Cecil Field's suitability by carefully examining satellite imagery, conducting several extensive base visits and aerial tours, by commissioners and staff, as well as FAA analysis conducted with our staff experts. The Commission was well aware there was, and is, some minor encroachment at Cecil Field.

According to our analysis, there are fewer than 50 homes in Cecil Field's Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones (APZ-1) (highest risk areas closest to aircraft landing and takeoff paths). Using official Navy population estimates for Virginia Beach as reported in the F/A-18 E/F (Super Hornet) Final Environmental Impact Statement and the 2000 Census Bureau data for Virginia Beach, there are more than 2200 homes in Virginia Beach located within the highest risk areas closest to aircraft landing and takeoff paths, designated Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones, APZ-1.

In short, NAS Oceana has well over 40 times the level of encroachment as Cecil Field in the highest risk zones. If the Navy's East Coast Master Jet Base remains at NAS Oceana, and Virginia Beach fails to take the strong, proactive measures necessary to cure the negative effects of encroachment, the men and women of Atlantic Fleet Strike Fighter Wings will continue to experience degraded operational training and readiness, and the local civilian population would suffer continued exposure to unnecessary risks.

Ultimately, the Commission could not, and did not, ignore the national security and public safety issues presented by encroachment on the Navy's Master Jet Base. Nor did the Commission hesitate to make a decision when a decision was called for.



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### Media Advisory for 2005 BRAC Regional Hearing in Portland, Oregon

**DATE:** Friday, June 17

**LOCATION:**

Eastside Federal Complex  
911 N.E. 11th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon

**PARTICIPATING STATES:**

Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho

**BRAC COMMISSIONERS:** Chairman Anthony Principi, Honorable James Bilbray, Honorable Philip Coyle, and Honorable James Hansen.

**TIME:** Doors Open to Public at 7:15AM

Hearing Coverage- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium  
8:30AM – 12:00PM / **PRE-SET 6:00AM**

**Media Availability – Center Courtyard of Federal Complex**

As each State completes their presentation they will hold a media avail. The BRAC Commission's media avail will begin promptly 15 minutes after the end of the hearing.

**Logistical information for media**

- Satellite truck parking available on 11<sup>th</sup> street
- 600 ft. Cable run to press risers
- 65 ft. Max camera throw
- TV quality sound and lighting

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### Media Advisory for 2005 BRAC Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri

**HEARING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 20**

**TIME: Doors Open to Public at 7:15AM**

**Hearing Coverage- Multipurpose Room - Busch Student Center**  
8:30AM – 6:00PM / **PRE-SET 5:30AM No later than 6:30AM**

#### **Media Availability – Room 251- Busch Student Center**

As each State completes their presentation they will hold a media avail. The BRAC Commission's media avail will begin promptly 15 minutes after the end of the hearing.

#### **LOCATION:**

Saint Louis University  
Busch Student Center – Multipurpose Room  
20 North Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

#### **PARTICIPATING STATES:**

Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa Wisconsin

**BRAC COMMISSIONERS: Admiral Harold Gehman ( USN, Ret. ), General Sue Ellen Turner ( USAF, Ret. ), Honorable James Hansen**

#### **Logistical information for media**

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- 650 ft. Cable run to press risers
- 65 ft. Max camera throw
- TV quality sound and lighting
- Internet will be available / Need your own Ethernet cables

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**BRAC Commission Announces Changes to Utah and Missouri Regional Hearings**

Arlington, Virginia, 3 June– Yesterday, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) announced the cancellation of the Salt Lake City, Utah Regional Hearing, as well as the postponement of the St. Louis, Missouri Regional Hearing. In place of the Salt Lake City Regional Hearing, the Commission will conduct an extended visit to Hill Air Force Base to meet with Congressional and community representatives on Monday, 6 June. The new date for the St. Louis Regional Hearing is pending the coordination of the schedules of both the local community representatives and the Commissioners.

Delays by the Department of Defense (DoD) in releasing, in an unclassified form, the data that underlies its recommendations, have rendered it unreasonable to hold an open public meeting, at the time previously scheduled, to discuss those recommendations as these recommendations apply to installations in Utah and Idaho.

The Commission will adjust its schedule to ensure that Utah and Idaho will have the opportunity, if desired, to participate in the Portland, Oregon Regional Hearing once both states have had time to review the data provided by DoD.

Chairman Anthony Principi stated, “We made the decision based upon the delay of incoming data that would be made available to the public. After careful consideration and consultation with the Utah delegation, it was decided that an extended visit with key representatives of the community and a tour of the base would be a superior alternative.”

Chairman Principi further stated, “We also decided to postpone the St. Louis Regional Hearing due to the delay in receiving data pertinent to both the community and the BRAC Commission’s research and analysis team. As we continue to ensure objectivity and accuracy in our evaluations, we felt the need to give the local communities the necessary time to fully review the material, prior to the hearing.”

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### BRAC Commissioners to Commence Base Visits

Arlington, Virginia, May 23, 2005—This week the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commissioners will be commencing base site visits with fact-finding trips to military installations across the country.

BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony Principi stated, “The site visits are the main forum by which our Commissioners and our staff learn the details of what military activities are really happening at the base, how the Department of Defense recommendations would affect the installation, and whether base closure criteria were applied correctly by the Pentagon while putting its list together. They are an invaluable resource to us, and we look forward to the upcoming visits.”

“We have a lot of hard work ahead of us, and not a lot of time to do it. Each site visit will be packed with detailed briefings, discussions with base personnel, and tours of the key facilities at the installation,” added Chairman Principi. “The Commissioners and the staff will be working hard to ensure that the Commission’s final set of recommendations focuses on military value and is both objective and fair.”

The Commissioners have pledged to visit all of the bases which are on the list for ‘major’ closure or realignment, as proposed by DoD. When a Commissioner visits a base, he or she will be preceded by an analyst. The analyst will gather the preliminary information on a base and then will visit the base concurrently with the Commissioner. Media availability for the Commissioners during their site visits will be dependent upon travel logistics.

**The following provides a schedule of base names and visit dates for the week:**

**MAY 24**

North Carolina - Pope Air Force Base  
Missouri - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Kansas City  
Oregon - Portland International Airport Air Guard Station  
Virginia - Naval Station Norfolk  
Virginia - Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

**25 MAY**

Georgia - Naval Air Station Atlanta  
Georgia - Naval Supply Corps School Athens  
Missouri - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, St. Louis  
Missouri - Army Human Resources Command, St. Louis  
Virginia - Fort Monroe  
Virginia - Fort Eustis  
Washington - McChord Air Force Base

**26 MAY**

Kentucky - Fort Knox  
Alabama - Maxwell Air Force Base  
Maryland - National Geospatial – Intelligence Agency  
Oregon - Umatilla Army Depot  
Virginia - Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren

**27 MAY**

Idaho - Mountain Home Air Force Base  
Virginia – Leased Space, Northern Virginia



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### BRAC Commissioners Release Schedule for Installation Visits

Arlington, Virginia, May 26, 2005—Today the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission is releasing the schedule for the Commissioners’ visits to major bases recommended for closure or realignment by the Department of Defense (DoD).

Chairman Principi stated, “The 2005 BRAC Commission is not going to serve as a rubber stamp; we will look at the DoD recommendations carefully and closely to see if they complied with, or substantially deviated from, the selection criteria and force structure against which all bases are to be measured.”

“We have been given the mandate to provide an independent, fair, and equitable assessment and evaluation of both the DoD BRAC proposal and the data and methodology used to develop that proposal,” the Chairman remarked. “My Commissioners and I have pledged to provide that assessment openly and transparently.”

The Commissioners plan to visit military installations which have been recommended by DoD to lose either 300 civilian jobs, or a total of 400 civilian and military jobs. The fact-finding visits will involve briefings by base representatives as well as tours of facilities and will be conducted for the primary purpose of determining the military value of the installations.

Although military value will be the primary basis for the decision to close or realign a military facility, the Commission was created to also take into account the economic, environmental, and other effects the closure or realignment of a base would have on the surrounding community.

**The following provides a schedule of base names and dates for the visits and is subject to change. Please see our website, [www.brac.gov](http://www.brac.gov), for any updates.**

#### **Previously Announced**

24 May: North Carolina - Pope Air Force Base  
24 May: Missouri - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Kansas City  
24 May: Oregon - Portland International Airport Air Guard Station  
24 May: Virginia - Naval Station Norfolk  
24 May: Virginia - Naval Medical Center Portsmouth  
25 May: Georgia - Naval Air Station Atlanta  
25 May: Georgia - Naval Supply Corps School Athens  
25 May: Missouri - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, St. Louis  
25 May: Missouri - Army Human Resources Command Leased Space, St. Louis  
25 May: Virginia - Fort Monroe  
25 May: Virginia - Fort Eustis  
25 May: Washington - McChord Air Force Base  
26 May: Kentucky - Fort Knox  
26 May: Alabama - Maxwell Air Force Base  
26 May: Maryland - National Geospatial – Intelligence Agency  
26 May: Oregon - Umatilla Army Depot  
26 May: Virginia - Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren  
27 May: Idaho - Mountain Home Air Force Base  
27 May: Virginia - Leased Space, Northern Virginia

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**New Announcements**

27 May: Virginia - Defense Finance and Accounting Service Arlington  
31 May: Massachusetts - Otis Air Guard Base  
31 May: Pennsylvania - Naval Air Station Willow Grove  
31 May: Connecticut - Submarine Base New London  
1 June: New Hampshire – Portsmouth Naval Shipyard  
1 June: Illinois - Rock Island Arsenal  
2 June: Maine - Naval Air Station Brunswick  
2 June: Illinois - Naval Station Great Lakes  
3 June: New Jersey - Fort Monmouth  
6 June: Indiana - Newport Chemical Depot  
6 June: Utah - Hill Air Force Base  
6 June: Indiana - Naval Support Activity Crane  
7 June: South Carolina - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Charleston  
7 June: South Carolina - South Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
8 June: California - Naval Medical Center San Diego  
8 June: California - Naval Base Coronado  
8 June: Georgia - Fort McPherson  
9 June: Florida – Patrick Air Force Base  
10 June: Washington, D.C. - Bolling Air Force Base  
10 June: Washington, D.C. - Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
10 June: Georgia - Fort Gillem  
14 June: Alaska - Elmendorf Air Force Base  
14 June: Alaska - Kulis Air Guard Station  
15 June: Florida - Naval Air Station Pensacola  
15 June: Alaska - Eielson Air Force Base  
15 June: Mississippi - Keesler Air Force Base  
16 June: Mississippi - Naval Station Pascagoula  
17 June: Louisiana - Naval Support Activity New Orleans  
20 June: Texas - Sheppard Air Force Base  
21 June: Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station  
21 June: South Dakota - Ellsworth Air Force Base  
21 June: Texas - Red River Army Depot  
22 June: New York - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Rome  
22 June: North Dakota - Grand Forks Air Force Base  
23 June: Ohio - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Cleveland  
23 June: New Mexico - Cannon Air Force Base  
27 June: New York - Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station  
5 July: Texas - Brooks City Base  
6 July: Texas - Lackland Air Force Base  
6 July: Texas - Defense Finance and Accounting Service, San Antonio  
7 July: Texas - Naval Air Station Corpus Christi  
8 July: Texas - Naval Station Ingleside  
12 July: California - Naval Support Activity Corona  
12 July: California - Naval Base Ventura City  
13 July: California - Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow  
~~TBA: North Carolina - Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point~~

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