



2005 BRAC Commission Schedule Base Closure and Realignment Commission

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BRAC Commission Releases Regional Hearings Schedule

Arlington, Virginia, May 19, 2005—Today the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission released the regional hearing schedule which the Commission will hold in various locations throughout the country.

The locations for the regional hearings were selected by the Commissioners in response to the number and type of Defense Department (DoD) closure and realignment recommendations. One of the Commission's main objectives to ensure maximum public access and input is by state and community representatives. In addition, several Commissioners will be at each regional hearing.

Chairman Anthony Principi stated, "The regional hearings will provide the primary means for communities to educate the Commissioners and their staff on their disagreements with the DoD base recommendations. If a potentially impacted community feels DoD deviated from the selection criteria, the regional hearings will provide those stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the information-gathering process and present to the Commission how and why the DoD proposals are flawed or should be changed".

"The Commission will perform base visits prior to the public hearing for that particular region, so they will be better informed about what each base's real-world situation looks like, and familiarize themselves with the key issues likely to be discussed at the regional hearing", Chairman Principi added.

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.

The following provides regional hearing cities and dates. Exact times and locations TBD.

Salt Lake City, Utah – Tuesday, June 7	Buffalo, New York – Monday, June 27
St. Louis, Missouri – Tuesday, June 7	Charlotte, North Carolina – Tuesday, June 28
Fairbanks, Alaska – Wednesday, June 15	Atlanta, Georgia – Thursday, June 30
Portland, Oregon – Friday, June 17	Boston, Massachusetts – Wednesday, July 6
Rapid City, South Dakota - Tuesday, June 21	Baltimore, Maryland – Friday, July 8
Dallas, Texas – Wednesday, June 22	San Antonio, Texas – Monday, July 11
Grand Forks, North Dakota – Thursday, June 23	New Orleans, Louisiana – Tuesday, July 12
Clovis, New Mexico – Friday, June 24	Los Angeles, California – Thursday, July 14

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