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BRAC Commission Announces Date for Conclusion of Installation Visits and Community Meetings

Arlington, Virginia, 29 July, 2005—Today, the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) announced that Friday, 5 August, will be last day for the Commission to conduct installation visits and host community meetings for installations initially recommended for closure or realignment by the Department of Defense (DoD).

“In order to provide adequate time for the Commission to properly process the voluminous and extremely important input and data that the Commission has already received, the Commission has set the 5 August date for the conclusion of all meetings with community groups and all site visits for installations on the list submitted to the Commission by DoD,” stated Chairman Anthony J. Principi. The Commission will continue to accept and consider written input—both through letters and attachments mailed to the Commission, and comments submitted through the website.

The communities impacted by the eight recommendations that were added by the Commission on 19 July will still be able to schedule meetings and site visits through 12 August.

The deadline provides for the time needed for a thorough review and analysis in preparation for the mark-up of the Commission’s BRAC list in late August. The Commission has made it a priority to provide an ample opportunity for installation officials and local community leaders to provide their perspective and share their concerns over the last eleven weeks.

Chairman Principi stated, “While we will continue to receive written data throughout the remainder of the process, it is critical that our Review and Analysis team is allowed the necessary time to thoroughly read, evaluate, and incorporate the data that has, to date, been provided. It would be a disservice to the thousands of people who have given us their feedback to not provide the necessary time to the staff and to the Commissioners.”

The Commission’s website has received over 5 million hits in total, 1.2 million of which occurred the week of 18 July.

Data and input may be submitted by mail at 2521 S Clark St., Ste. 600, Arlington, VA 22202 or through the official Commission website: www.brac.gov, up to the start of final deliberations scheduled for the week of 22 August.

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