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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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