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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: December 15, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative in Texas and New Mexico

The United States Air Force (USAF) is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to implement the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI). This proposal is intended to provide efficient, integrated training opportunities for aircrews flying B-1B aircraft from Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, and B-52H aircraft from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. The proposed action for RBTI would involve several interrelated elements:

1. Modifications and additions to existing military training route (MTR) airspace used generally for low-altitude training activities;
2. Modifications and additions to existing military operations area (MOA) airspace used for medium to high altitude training and maneuvering;
3. Increased flights by B-1B and B-52H aircraft in the MTR and MOA airspace;
4. Acquisition of a total of 12, 15-acre parcels under the MTR and MOA airspace for construction and operation of an Electronic Scoring Site system consisting of electronic emitters and associated facilities; and
5. Closure of existing Electronic Scoring Site systems at Harrison, Arkansas and La Junta, Colorado, and transfer of equipment to the proposed Electronic Scoring Site system developed for RBTI.

The Air Force has developed three alternatives, each of which fulfills the requirements of the proposed action. Two of these alternatives use airspace over lands located in west Texas; the third uses airspace in northeastern New Mexico. All three of these alternatives,

and the No-Action alternative will be evaluated in the EIS. If feasible alternatives are developed as part of the scoping process, they will be included in the EIS.

Implementation of any of the three alternatives fulfilling the proposed action would require the Federal Aviation Administration to modify existing special use airspace and to chart new airspace. Similarly, the Air Force would undertake real estate actions to acquire access to the 12, 15-acre sites for the electronic scoring system.

The information in this EIS will be considered in making the decision whether to implement RBTI, and if so, to select an alternative for implementation. A separate EIS is currently being conducted by the Air Force to address use of existing military airspace over west Texas and northeastern New Mexico by units stationed at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. This proposal, as well as other actions, will be assessed for potential cumulative impacts in the RBTI EIS.

The Air Force intends to hold several public scoping meetings in the potentially affected areas of Texas and New Mexico. Dates, times, and locations for these meetings will be announced through press releases, newspapers and other media sources accessible to the public and agencies. These meetings are the first step in asking for public and government agency comments on the RBTI proposal. Comments provided at these meetings and throughout the scoping process should focus on the merits of the proposal, alternatives, and the nature and scope of environmental issues and other concerns that need to be addressed in the EIS. During the meetings, the Air Force will describe the proposed action and all alternatives, the National Environmental Policy Act process, and outline the opportunities for public involvement in the process.

Comments will be accepted throughout the analysis process, however, to ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by February 17, 1998.

RBTI EIS, c/o 7 CES/CEV, 710 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Dyess AFB, TX 79607.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McClellan, Alabama

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the President's Council on Environmental Quality, the Army has prepared a DEIS for the Disposal and Reuse of Fort McClellan (FMC), Alabama. The approved 1995 base closure and realignment actions required by the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-510), and subsequent actions in compliance with this law, mandated the closure of FMC. It is Department of Defense (DoD) policy to dispose of property no longer needed by DoD. Consequently, as a result of the mandated closure of FMC, the Army is disposing of excess property at FMC.

The DEIS analyzes three disposal alternatives: (1) The no action alternative, which entails maintaining the property in caretaker status after closure; (2) the encumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with Army-imposed limitations, or encumbrances, on the future use of the property; and (3) the unencumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with fewer or no Army-imposed restrictions on the future use of the property. The preferred action identified in this DEIS is encumbered disposal of excess property at FMC. Based upon the analysis contained in the DEIS, encumbrances and deed restrictions associated with the Army's disposal actions for FMC will be mitigation measures.

Planning for the reuse of the property to be disposed of is a secondary action resulting from closure. The local community has established the Fort McClellan Reuse and Redevelopment Authority (FMRRA) to produce a reuse development plan for the surplus property. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities. This reuse analysis is based upon implementing one of three reuse alternatives, all of which are based upon the FMRRA draft reuse plan. The Army has not selected one of these three alternatives as the preferred action. Selection of the preferred reuse plan is a decision that will be made by the FMRRA.

**DATES:** The review period for the DEIS will end 45 days after publication of the NOA in the **Federal Register** by the EPA. Comments on the DEIS will be used in preparing the Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision for the Army action.

**COPIES:** Copies of the DEIS have been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), other Federal, state and local agencies, public officials; and organizations and individuals who previously requested copies of the DEIS. Copies of the DEIS and related support studies are available for review at the following FMC libraries: Abrams (Fort McClellan Community) Library, Building 2102, Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205-5020; Fischer Library, U.S. Army Chemical School, Fifth Avenue, Building 1081, Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205; and the Military Police School Library, U.S. Army Military Police School, Building 3181, Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205; as well as the following public and other libraries: Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library, 108 East 10th Street, Anniston, Alabama 36202; Cole Library, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road, North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265; Jacksonville Public Library, 200 Pelham Road, North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36205; Oxford Public Library, 213 Choccolocco Street, Oxford, Alabama 36203; and Mobile District, Army Corps of Engineers, 109 Saint Joseph Street, Mobile, Alabama 36628.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions and/or written comments regarding the DEIS, or a request for a copy of the document may be directed to Mr. Curtis Flakes at the Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CESAM-PD-EC), P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36602-3630; phone: 334-690-2693 and telefax: 334-690-2727.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public meeting will be held during the 45-day comment period to afford the public the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the DEIS. The location and time of the meeting will be announced in local newspapers at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Verbal comments at the public meeting will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Individuals desiring to make longer statements may provide written comments to the address above.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army.

**ACTION:** Notice to Amend System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is amending a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. **DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on January 20, 1998 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Privacy Act Officer, Records Management Program Division, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, ATTN: TAPC-PDR-P, Stop C55, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5576.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-4390 or DSN 656-4390.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: December , 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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#### A0640-10a TAPC

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Military Personnel Records Jacket Files (MPRJ) (*February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10166*).

##### CHANGES:

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##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Add '(includes documents pertaining to pre-separation and job assistance needs in transition from military to civilian life),' after 'retirement' in line 42.

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#### A0640-10a TAPC

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Military Personnel Records Jacket Files (MPRJ).

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Active and Reserve Army Commands/field operating agencies, installations, activities. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Army's compilation of record system notices.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Enlisted, warrant and commissioned officers on active duty in the U.S. Army; enlisted, warrant and commissioned officers of the U.S. Army Reserve in active reserve (unit or non-unit) status; retired persons; commissioned/warrant officers separated after June 30, 1917 and enlisted personnel separated after October 31, 1912.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records reflecting qualifications, emergency data, enlistment and related service agreement/extension/active duty orders; military occupational specialty evaluation data; group life insurance election; record of induction; security questionnaire and clearance; transfer/discharge report/Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; language proficiency questionnaire; police record check; statement of personal history; application for ID; Department of Veterans Affairs compensation forms and related papers; dependent medical care statement and related forms; training and experience documents; survivor benefit plan election certificate; efficiency reports; application/nomination for assignment; achievement certificates; record of proceeding and appellate or other supplementary actions, Article 15 (10 U.S.C. 815); weight control records; personnel screening and evaluation records; application/prior service enlistment documents; certificate barring reenlistment; waivers for enlistment; physical evaluation board summaries; service record brief; Army School records; classification board proceedings; correspondence relating to badges, medals, and unit awards, including foreign decorations; correspondence/letters/administrative reprimands/censures/admonitions relating to apprehensions/confinement/discipline; dependent travel and movement of household goods; personal indebtedness correspondence and related papers; documents relating to proficiency pay, promotion, reduction in grade, release, retirement (includes documents pertaining to pre-separation and job assistance needs in transition