

Chapter 4

Recommendations

Introduction

This chapter contains the Secretary of Defense's list of military installations recommended for closure or realignment inside the United States pursuant to Public Law 101-510 (see Appendix A).

Closing a military installation means DoD is recommending that the primary missions and functions of an installation cease to be performed at that installation, at some future date (see Appendix A for the definition of military installation). DoD's closure recommendations may contain recommended exceptions to a full closure, such as to retain a reserve center at its current site after the rest of the installation closes.

Realigning a military installation is defined in Public Law 101-510 and Section 2687, Title 10, U.S. Code (see Appendices A and B). Realignment means DoD is recommending an action which both reduces and relocates functions and civilian personnel positions from a military installation. Realignments do not include reductions in force resulting from workload adjustments, reduced personnel or funding levels, skill imbalances, or other similar causes. DoD is recommending changes to some of the 1988 Base Closure Commission's recommendations. Congress expressed a desire to approve any change to the 1988 Commission's recommendations. DoD is therefore using the new base closure and realignment procedures to obtain that approval. Using the procedures of Public Law 101-510 is the best way to effect these changes as the changes are based on the force structure plan and the final criteria.

To implement Title XXIX of Public Law 101-510, the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued general policy guidance on December 10, 1990, to the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Directors of the Defense Agencies and key DoD staff. In that guidance, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics

(ASD(P&L)) was authorized to issue implementing instructions and ensure consistency in the DoD base closure and realignment process.

ASD(P&L) formed a steering committee of representatives from the Military Departments, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and key Department of Defense staff. This steering committee developed the final base closure criteria and coordinated several implementing policy memoranda. The Military Departments, under the general guidance of ASD(P&L), each adopted implementing processes tailored to their unique missions and organizational structures.

Public Law 101-510 requires the Secretary to close and realign all military installations recommended for closure or realignment by the Commission, unless the President does not approve the recommendations or a joint resolution of disapproval is enacted.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments reported to the Secretary of Defense their nominations for closure or realignment based on the force structure plan and final criteria established under Public Law 101-510.

Appendix G provides a quick reference index of all bases affected by the recommendations, and the increases or decreases in military and civilian personnel they will experience.

The Secretary's recommendations are based on the force structure plan and the final criteria described in this report. The recommendations for closure or realignment follow.