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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Roles and Responsibilities for BRAC 2005 Environmental Impact Statements

1. On 23 November 2005, the Army published in the Federal Register (FR) (Doc 05-23162) intention to prepare environmental impact analysis pursuant to section 102 (2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FR notice identified eight Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) to be prepared for the following realignment actions: a) Fort Meade, Maryland; b) Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; c) Fort Belvoir, Virginia; d) Fort Lee, Virginia; e) Fort Benning, Georgia; f) Fort Sam Houston, Texas; g) Fort Carson, Colorado; h) Pinion Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado.

2. Opportunities for public participation have occurred at each of the EIS locations and Public Scoping Meetings have been held. It is now critical that roles and responsibilities related to completion of each EIS be clearly assigned in order for the NEPA process to be completed in a timely and legally sufficient manner. Toward that end, I am directing the following roles and responsibilities within the Army:

a. Preparation and signing of the Draft and Final EIS, and preparing the Record of Decision (ROD) for signature are the responsibility of each Garrison Commander as proponent for the action at the installation level. The BRAC Division is the ACSIM staff proponent for this activity and is supported by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

b. Signing each of the eight RODs is the responsibility of the ACSIM/DACSIM as the proponent for installation management for these actions.

c. Approval of release of FR notification of the Draft, Final EIS and ROD, and release approval of Information for Members of Congress will be the responsibility of the DASA-ESOH and ASA-I&E, respectively.

3. Approved actions may begin the day following signing of the ROD.

4. My point of contact is Mr. Richard Murphy, ODASA-ESOH/697-5433; richard.murphy@hqda.army.mil.

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