

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

The Commission recommends the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) site in Herndon, Virginia for closure. Implementation of the Global Positioning System will eliminate the need for these facilities and property. There are no relocation costs associated with the closure as reassignment of personnel to the DMA Hydrographic-Topographic Center in Brookmont, MD is in the local commuting area. Payback will be immediate. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$70 thousand. There are no negative socioeconomic or environmental impacts associated with this closure.

The Commission reviewed a number of Service properties that had been recently surveyed by the General Services Administration (GSA). GSA survey report findings were compared to the Services' evaluation of the properties for consistencies and discrepancies. Four of these properties are recommended for closure by the Commission and two are recommended for partial closure:

-- The Commission recommends the Bennett Army National Guard Facility, Arapahoe County, Colorado for closure. There is no longer any military mission supported at this location and no personnel are assigned to the facility. There are no closure or relocation costs associated with this recommendation. The underground storage tanks at the Bennett facility require cleanup and are the only known environmental problem.

-- The Commission recommends the Army Reserve Center, Gaithersburg, Maryland for closure. The Army Reserve has relocated to a new site and there is no longer any military mission supported

at the location or personnel assigned to the facility. There are no closure or relocation costs associated with this recommendation. At present, there are no environmental problems known to exist at this site.

-- The Commission recommends the Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County, California for closure. There is no longer any military mission supported at this location and no personnel are assigned to the facility. There are no closure or relocation costs associated with this recommendation. There are contaminated areas at Salton Sea Test Base that must be cleaned up. Examples of contamination are PCB, asbestos, expended small-arms ammunition, a landfill site where batteries were discarded, and 20 underground storage tanks. Cleanup is expected to require significant costs and take at least three years. Cleanup, which is independent of the closure, is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program.

-- The Commission recommends the Naval Reserve Center (Coconut Grove) Miami, Florida for closure. A new facility is currently under construction for the Reserves at another site. Once this construction is complete, there will no longer be any military mission supported at this location. Relocation costs will be minimal and there are no environmental problems anticipated.

-- The Commission recommends Fort Des Moines, Iowa for partial closure. Approximately 56 acres in the south portion of Fort Des Moines, as identified in GSA survey report of December 2, 1983 (GSA Inventory Control Number 2100-20264), are recommended for closure. Fort Des Moines is on the National Register of

Historic Places and the Defense Department should coordinate with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to develop appropriate preservation guidelines. There are no relocation costs associated with this recommendation. One building and some of the land are contaminated with pesticides and other contaminants, possibly asbestos and PCB. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the

closure action.

-- The Commission recommends the closure. Approximately 900 acres on the north side of the installation that do not support any military mission are recommended for closure. There are no relocation costs associated with this recommendation since no personnel are assigned in this area. No significant environmental problems are anticipated from the closure.