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**Army notice of availability of the Record of Decision for the
realignment of Fort Meade**

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MD., -- The Army announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the realignment of Fort Meade.

The ROD summarizes the decision for implementing realignment actions as directed by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission and DOD Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) actions at Fort Meade.

Fort Meade operates under the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. It encompasses approximately 5,067 acres in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and is located about midway between Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland. Fort Meade supports more than 80 tenant organizations from all military services and several federal agencies.

The ROD states that implementing the proposed action as analyzed in the 2007 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) reflects a proper balance between initiatives for protection of the environment, appropriate mitigation and actions to achieve the Army's requirements. Special consideration was given to the effect of the proposed action on natural resources, cultural resources and traffic. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the selected alternative have been adopted. The Army will minimize effects on all environmental and socioeconomic resources by implementing best management practices as described in the EIS. Mitigation measures, as summarized in the ROD, will be implemented to minimize, avoid, or compensate for the adverse effects identified in the EIS for water resources, biological resources and transportation. The EIS also identifies transportation projects that could minimize adverse impacts from implementing the proposed action. The ROD describes the approach the Army will take to mitigate traffic concerns.

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The Notice of Availability of the ROD has been published in the *Federal Register*. An electronic version of the ROD is available for download on the U.S. Army BRAC Division website at http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsim/brac/nepa_eis_docs.htm. For more information call (301) 677-1361 during normal business hours or send e-mails to meade.pao@conus.army.mil.

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