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SUBJECT: Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Implementation of the
Base Realignment and Closure Commission Recommendations at Fort Monmouth,
New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lord:


The Army is undertaking the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations for Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. On September 8, 2005, the BRAC Commission recommended that certain realignment actions occur at Fort Monmouth. These recommendations became law on November 9, 2005, and the BRAC Commission recommendations must be implemented as provided for in the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510), as amended. The BRAC action will result in closure of the installation.

Fort Monmouth is in the east-central part of New Jersey in Monmouth County, approximately 50 miles south of New York City and 70 miles northeast of Philadelphia. The installation consists of the Main Post (637 acres) and the Charles Wood Area (489 acres). The major organizations at Fort Monmouth are the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and three Army Program Executive Offices. The installation has 431 buildings having nearly 5 million square feet of built space.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army is assessing the potential effects of implementation of the proposed BRAC action, to dispose of the 1,126 acres of land at Fort Monmouth. The EA will consider the effects of disposal and reuse of the property. Evaluation of the effects of property disposal includes evaluation of the Army taking certain interim actions, such as caring for vacated facilities. A Final EA is anticipated to be available in January 2009.

We are requesting your input regarding the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural resources of concern to your agency. It is requested that your input be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions or require further information regarding the BRAC action at Fort Monmouth, please call Ms. Wanda Green at 732-532-8341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara A. Folk", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Barbara A. Folk
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