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## Fourth Interceptor for Homeland Defense Emplaced at Fort Greely

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) element of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency emplaced the fourth interceptor missile designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska on September 22.

Two additional interceptors are planned for emplacement at the facility by mid-October. Two interceptors are also planned for emplacement late this year at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The interceptors are part of an integrated system of sensors, ground and sea-based radars and an advanced command and control, battle management and communication system designed to detect, track and launch an interceptor to destroy a target warhead before it can reach its intended target in any of our 50 states. Although the system will initially have a limited capability when it becomes operational later this year, it will mark the first time the United States has a capability to defend the entire country against a limited attack by a long-range ballistic missile.



PHOTO CAPTION: The fourth Ground-based Interceptor missile is lowered into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska on September 22, 2004. Two additional interceptors are planned to be emplaced by mid-October, for a total of six interceptors at the site. Two interceptors are also planned for emplacement later this year at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The interceptors are part of a missile defense system designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile aimed at any of our 50 states. Although the system will have a limited initial capability, it will be the first time the United States will have a missile defense system to protect all 50 states.

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