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Second Interceptor Emplaced for Homeland Defense

The second interceptor missile designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile was emplaced September 4 into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska.

Four 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 second interceptor missile designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile is emplaced into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska.

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