



BRAC 2005 Timeline

The following dates denote the statutory deadlines for each successive phase of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, beginning with the initial realignment and closure recommendations of the Secretary of Defense. Actions must be completed on or before the dates indicated.

- May 16, 2005 - Secretary of Defense Recommendations. The Secretary must publish in the [Federal Register](#) (FR), and transmit to the Congressional Defense Committees and the Base Closure and Realignment Commission, [a list of the military installations recommended for closure or realignment](#) (Congressional Defense Committees and BRAC Commission notified on May 13, 2005. FR Notice published on May 16, 2005).
- July 1, 2005 - Comptroller General Analysis. The Comptroller General shall transmit to the Congressional Defense Committees, [a report containing a detailed analysis of the Secretary's recommendations and selection process.](#)
- September 8, 2005 - Commission's Recommendations. Based on a review and analysis of the Secretary's recommendations, [the Commission must transmit a report of its findings and conclusions to the President.](#)
- September 23, 2005 - President's Approval or Disapproval of Commission Recommendations. [The President shall transmit to the Commission and the Congress a report indicating approval or disapproval of the Commission's recommendations.](#) If the President approves the recommendations, they are binding 45 legislative days after Presidential transmission or adjournment "sine die," unless Congress disapproves the recommendations by joint resolution.
- October 20, 2005 - Commission's Revised Recommendations. If the President disapproves the Commission's initial recommendations, the Commission must submit revised recommendations to the President not later than this date.
- November 7, 2005 - President's Approval or Disapproval of Revised Recommendations. The President must approve the revised recommendations and transmit approval to Congress by this date or the process ends. The

recommendations become binding 45 legislative days after Presidential transmission or adjournment “sine die,” unless Congress disapproves the recommendations by joint resolution.

- April 15, 2006 - Commission Terminates.

The following timeline provides an historical perspective of the BRAC 2005 process leading up to the Secretary’s recommendations.

- December 28, 2001 - Enactment of Enabling Legislation. National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Public Law 107-107), amended the [Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990](#), and authorized the Department to pursue an additional BRAC round in 2005.
- November 15, 2002 – Initiation of BRAC Process. The Secretary of Defense issued a memorandum, [Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure](#), establishing the authorities, organizational structure, goals, and objectives for the next BRAC round.
- December 23, 2003 - Draft Selection Criteria Issued. The Secretary provided the Congress draft criteria for selecting installations for realignment or closure and published the criteria in the [Federal Register](#) for public comment.
- February 12, 2004 - Final Selection Criteria Published. Following review of public comments, the Secretary published final selection criteria in the [Federal Register](#). Congress later amended and codified these criteria in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108-375).

March 23, 2004 - Force Structure Plan Submitted to Congress. The Secretary submitted a 20-year force structure plan to Congress. This plan is based on an assessment of probable threats to national security during the 20-year period beginning with fiscal year 2005. It identifies the probable Military Department end-strength levels and the major military units needed to meet these threats, along with anticipated levels of funding available for national defense purposes during this period. The Military Departments and Joint Cross Service Groups (JCSG) used the force structure plan to guide their analyses and to develop candidate recommendations.

- May 17, 2004 - [Comptroller General Evaluation](#). GAO prepared its evaluation of the force-structure plan, infrastructure inventory, selection criteria, and the need for the closure and realignment of additional military installation.
- March 15, 2005 - [Revised Force Structure Plan Submitted to Congress](#). The Secretary submitted revisions to the force structure plan and infrastructure inventory to Congress as part of the FY 06 Budget justification documents.
- April 1, 2005 - [BRAC Commission Appointed](#). The President approved the nominations of the Commission Chairman and eight Commission members.