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## Third Interceptor For Homeland Defense Emplaced at Fort Greely

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) element of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency emplaced the third interceptor missile into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska on Sept. 15. The interceptor is designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile that could be aimed at any of our 50 states.

Three additional interceptors are planned for emplacement at the facility by mid-October. Two interceptors are also planned for emplacement later 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 third Ground-based Interceptor was transported to its silo and emplaced on September 15. The interceptor is designed to destroy incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles before they reach U.S. airspace.

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