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## Sixth Interceptor Missile Emplaced at Fort Greely

The Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) element of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency emplaced the sixth interceptor missile designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missile into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska on November 11.

This is the final planned interceptor emplacement planned for Ft. Greely this year. Ten additional interceptors will be emplaced at Ft. Greely in 2005. Two interceptors are 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 long-range ballistic missile attack.



PHOTO CAPTION: The sixth Ground-based Interceptor missile is lowered into its underground silo at Ft. Greely, Alaska on November 11, 2004. The interceptor is part of a missile defense system designed to intercept and destroy a long-range ballistic missiles. 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.