

Key Dates in the Base Realignment and Closure Process

- Dec. 31, 2003:** Draft selection criteria published for most recent round of base realignment and closure process (BRAC), with 30-day period for public comment
- Feb. 16, 2004:** Final selection criteria published
- May 16, 2005:** No later than this date, the U.S. Secretary of Defense must publish in the *Congressional Record* and send to Congressional defense committees his recommendations for base realignment or closure.
- July 1, 2005:** Deadline for U.S. Comptroller General to submit a report to Congressional defense committees containing a detailed analysis of the Secretary's recommendations and selection process for base realignment and closure.
- Sept. 8, 2005:** Deadline for BRAC Commission to transmit to the President its findings and recommendations based on review and analysis of the Secretary's recommendations.
- Sept. 23, 2005:** Deadline for the President of the United States to approve or disapprove of BRAC Commission recommendations and transmit to the BRAC Commission and to Congress a report containing his decision. If the President approves, the recommendations become binding 45 days after he submits them to Congress.
- Oct. 20, 2005:** The deadline for the Commission to submit revised recommendations to the President if the President disapproves the BRAC Commission's initial recommendations.
- Nov. 7, 2005:** Deadline by which the President must approve or disapprove revised recommendations. The process ends unless the President transmits to Congress approval of the revised recommendations by this date. If the President approves, the recommendations become binding within 45 days unless Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval.
- April 15, 2006:** BRAC Commission terminates
- Final Outcome:** President Bush approved the BRAC Commission recommendations on Sept. 15, ahead of the Sept. 23 deadline. Congress did not pass a joint resolution of disapproval, and the recommendations took effect Nov. 9, 2005.

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