

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR Federal, State, and Local Public Agencies

Interested Parties Members of the Public March 29, 2023

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FROM: Christopher Moore, DAF

Air Force Civil Engineer Center

National Environmental Policy Act Division (AFCEC/CZN)

SUBJECT: Proposed B-21 Bomber Beddown Main Operating Base (MOB) 2 or MOB 3 at

Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas or Whiteman AFB, Missouri

Notice of Public Scoping Comment Period Extension

This notice serves as a correction to the Notice of Public Meetings recently sent out regarding the Department of the Air Force's (DAF) intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the B-21 Main Operating Base (MOB) 2 or MOB 3 Beddown at Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas or Whiteman AFB, Missouri. The DAF's notice of intent to prepare an EIS and hold public scoping meetings was published in the *Federal Register* (FR) on March 27, 2023, not March 24, 2023, as previously indicated. As a result, the public scoping comment period has been extended to May 10, 2023. Information regarding public scoping meeting dates and times, which have not changed, and submitting comments provided in the previous notice is included below for your convenience.

As provided in the previous notice, the DAF will be holding public scoping meetings in areas potentially impacted by the proposal. During the public scoping meetings, the DAF will provide additional information about the B-21 MOB 2 and MOB 3 beddown EIS. The purpose of the meetings and the scoping period is to further solicit input regarding the scope of issues to be addressed and identify environmental issues to be analyzed in depth. Written comments received by the DAF during the public scoping period will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Please provide substantive comments that identify potential alternatives (in accordance with 40 CFR Part 1502.14(a) and 32 CFR Part 989.8), information, or analyses relevant to the Proposed Action.

Scoping comments may be submitted to the DAF at the planned public scoping meetings, via the public website (www.B21EIS.com), or mailed. Comments will be accepted at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. However, to ensure the DAF has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, scoping comments should be submitted no later than May 10, 2023.

The DAF will host six public scoping meetings to allow members of the public to learn about the project and provide public comments. Public scoping meetings will begin with a 30-minute DAF presentation, followed by an open house/question-and-answer session. Written comments

can be submitted at any time during the in-person scoping meetings or submitted electronically via the public website at www.B21EIS.com.

Virtual public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST
- Thursday, April 13, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST

To register to attend a **virtual** public scoping meeting, visit <u>www.B21EIS.com</u>. Meeting links and instructions will be distributed after registering and prior to all virtual public scoping meetings. All virtual public scoping meetings can be accessed by phone at 888-788-0099, Webinar ID: 813 5934 9395, Passcode: 570587.

In-person public scoping meetings are scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST, University of Central Missouri, 108 W. South St., Warrensburg, MO
- Thursday, April 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST, Knob Noster High School, 504 South Washington Ave., Knob Noster, MO
- Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST, Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N 6th St., Abilene, TX
- Thursday, April 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. CST, Tye Community Center, 103 Scott St., Tye, TX

Additional information on the EIS and the environmental impact analysis process can be found on the project website at www.B21EIS.com. Written comments can be submitted at a public scoping meeting, through the project website, or by mailing them to: Leidos, ATTN: B-21 EIS, 12304 Morganton Hwy #572, Morganton, GA 30560. Inquiries regarding the DAF proposal should be directed to Dyess AFB Public Affairs, ATTN: B-21 EIS, 7 Lancer Loop, Suite 136, Dyess AFB, TX 79607; (325) 696-4820; or 7bwpa@us.af.mil; or Whiteman AFB Public Affairs, ATTN: B-21 EIS, 509 Spirit Blvd., Bldg. 509, Suite 116, Whiteman AFB, MO 65305; (660) 687-5727; or 509bw.public.affairs@us.af.mil. For printed material requests, the standard U.S. Postal Service shipping timeline will apply.

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