



Minuteman III and Peacekeeper Silo Elimination Environmental Assessment

About the Project

The Air Force has released the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public review. The draft EA was released for agency and public comment in April 2012, and comments received have been incorporated in the final EA.

This EA has been prepared to assess the environmental impacts of dismantling deactivated Intercontinental Ballistic Missile facilities as required under the terms of the New Strategic Arms Treaty (START). Under the treaty, more than 100 previously deactivated missile silos assigned to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., and Vandenberg AFB, Calif., will be eliminated. In addition, the impacts of dismantling the associated Missile Alert Facilities (MAFs), are also analyzed.

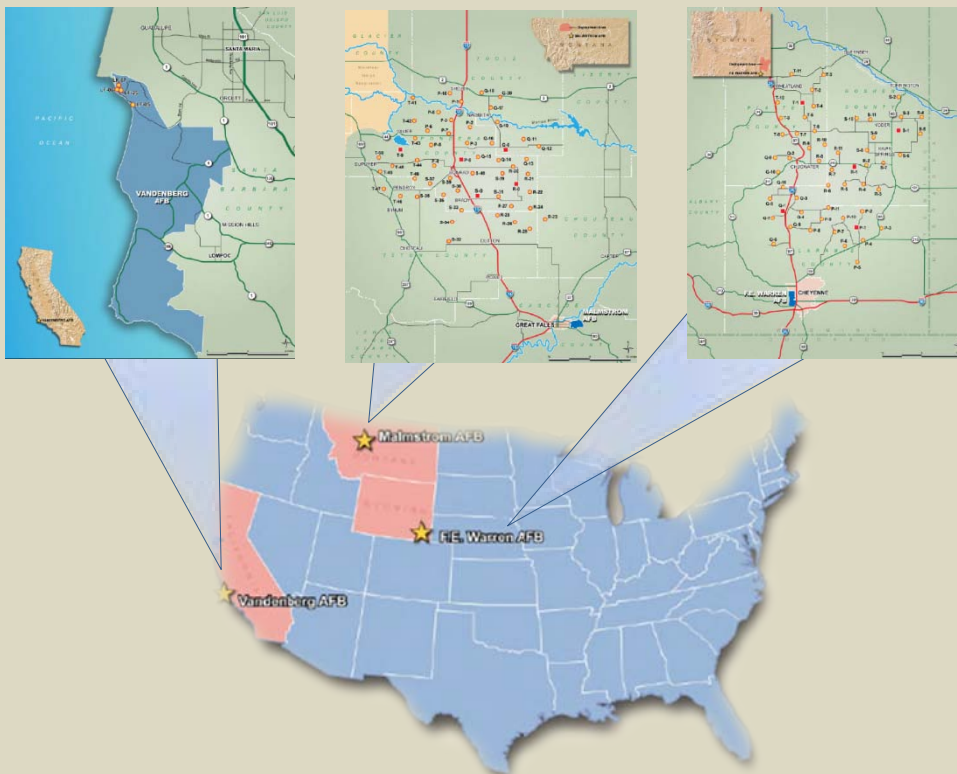
Per the treaty provisions, the missile silos must be dismantled by Feb. 4, 2018, using a method that ensures that they can no longer be used as missile launch facilities. Dismantlement of the MAFs is not required by treaty, but as the associated MAFs serve no useful purpose once the associated silos are dismantled, the MAFs are also addressed.

The two methods of dismantling the silos are explosive implosion and excavation/backfill. Subject to environmental protection measures determined through the environmental analysis process, the method of dismantlement will be selected by the contractor(s) selected to perform the work. The subsurface portions of the associated MAFs will not be subject to explosive implosion; rather, they will be filled with concrete and clean fill.

Public review of the EA and draft FONSI is encouraged. The review period ends Monday, April 22, 2013. You may view the EA, notice of availability, and other information regarding this proposed action at:

www.afcec.af.mil/startmissilesiloelimination/index.asp.

Project Locations



Milestones

February 5, 2011

- New START ratified by Congress and entered into force

February – November 2011

- Development of proposed action and alternatives; preparation for environmental analyses required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

November 2011

- “Notice of Intent” published, initiating public scoping under NEPA

December 2011 – January 2012

- Public scoping meetings held

January – March 2012

- Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared

March 2012

- Notice of Availability (NOA) published
- Draft EA/draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) released

March – April 2012

- Public/agency comment period, Draft EA and FONSI

May 2012 – February 2013

- Comments analyzed and addressed
- Final EA and associated documentation prepared

March 22, 2013

- NOA published
- Final EA and revised draft FONSI released

March – April 2013

- Public review, Final EA/draft FONSI

April 22, 2013

- Public review period, Final EA/draft FONSI ends

May – July 2013

- Mitigation plan developed & implemented

June 2013

- Projected commencement of silo elimination/dismantlement activities

2013 – 2018

- Silo elimination/dismantlement activities

By February 4, 2018

- Silo dismantlement must be completed

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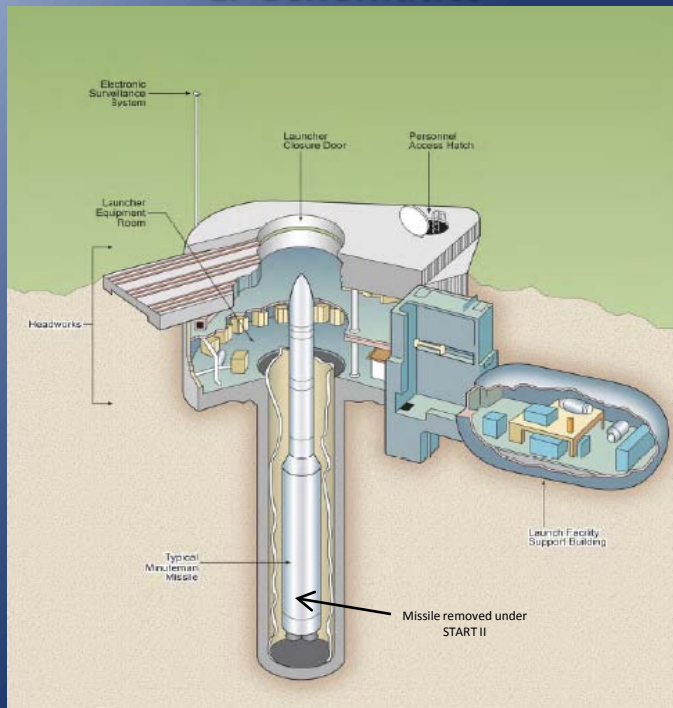
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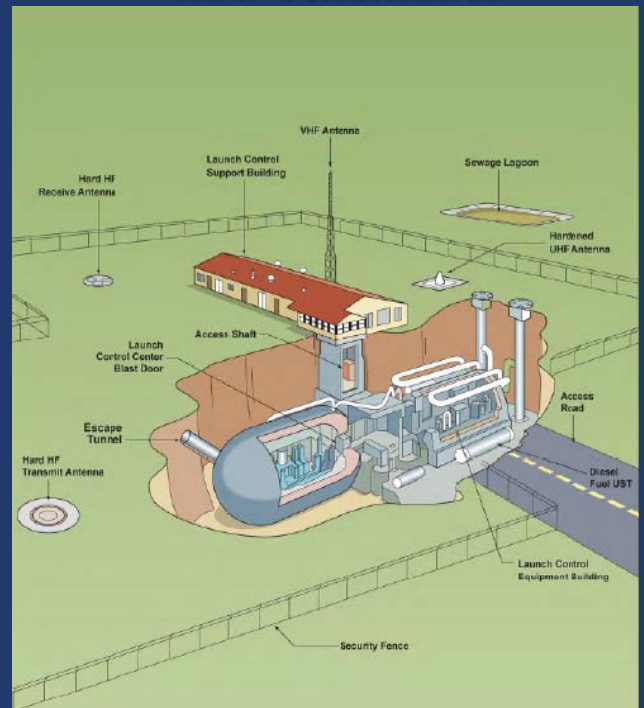
LAUNCH FACILITIES (LF) & MISSILE ALERT FACILITIES (MAF)

(For conceptual purposes only)

LF Schematics



MAF Schematics



LF Before



MAF Before



LF After



MAF After



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