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Environmental Assessment Fort Meade Asymmetric Warfare Group Facility

Location: Anne Arundel County, MD

Description: Fort George G. Meade's mission is to provide base operations support for facilities and infrastructure, quality of life, and protective services in support of Department of Defense activities and Federal agencies. Fort Meade consists of 5,415 acres developed with 65.5 miles of paved roads and about 1,300 buildings. Located midway between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., this installation houses approximately 10,000 military personnel and 6,000 family members, and employs 25,800 civilians.

The Asymmetric Warfare Group (AWG) proposes to expand and improve its administrative and operational complex on Fort Meade. Straughan Environmental Services, Inc. (SES) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental impacts of constructing and operating new facilities at two parcels:

- An approximately 50-acre site-known as the AWG Compound-that would contain an administrative/operational complex; and
- An approximately 2-acre site-known as the Motor Pool Site-that would house a vehicle maintenance facility.

Following guidance outlined in 32 CFR Part 651, which implements NEPA for the Army as revised and published in the Federal Register on March 29, 2002 as Environmental Analysis of Army Actions; Final Rule [Army Regulation 200-2], SES analyzed the following environmental issue areas for the Environmental Assessment:

- Communities and neighborhoods;
- Economics;
- Environmental justice;
- Land use plan consistency;
- Aesthetics;
- Historic and archeological resources;
- Wetlands;
- Habitats, and
- Rare, threatened, and endangered species.