

May 13, 2003 - DoubleTree Alana Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

Approximately eight people attended the Public Scoping Meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii on May 13, 2003. Attendees expressed their concerns about specific impacts to the islands and people of Hawaii, as well as the legality of the U.S. using ceded Hawaiian lands for military facilities. A point was also made that individuals from Kauai may not have been sufficiently represented. Three individuals provided oral comments at the scoping meeting. No written comments were received. One commenter noted that the BMDS would negatively affect world perception of the U.S. and would increase threat of terrorist attack. Another was concerned that the BMDS would violate international laws and treaties. The final registered speaker indicated that he disagreed with previous speakers' comments opposing the BMDS but declined to elaborate. One meeting participant videotaped the scoping meeting to be broadcast on local public television.