



The Missile Defense Agency to Hold Public Scoping Meetings for the Long Range Discrimination Radar Special Use Airspace Environmental Impact Statement

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA), in cooperation with the U.S. Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will host public meetings to review the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Long Range Discrimination Radar Special Use Airspace.

When: Tuesday, June 4th
Time: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Loussac Library, 4th Floor
Anchorage, AK

When: Wednesday, June 5th
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Anderson School, Multipurpose Room
Anderson, AK

When: Thursday, June 6th
Time: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Carlson Center, Prow Room
Fairbanks, AK

*All meetings will have same content and format

The 2014 National Defense Authorization Act requires the Missile Defense Agency to develop and deploy a long range discrimination radar (LRDR) to improve Homeland missile defense against evolving threats. The LRDR will be part of the Ballistic Missile Defense System which provides protection of the U.S. from existing missile threats. The radar will provide added defense capability against evolving threats to enhance the defense of the Homeland.

The MDA began construction of the LRDR at Clear Air Force Station (CAFS) following completion of a 2016 Environmental Assessment (EA) based on initial radar design and DoD adversary threat assessment and resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Due to rapid threat evolution, operational requirements have changed creating the need to expand the current Special Use Airspace (SUA) at CAFS to protect nearby aircraft. This EIS is being prepared to evaluate potential environmental impacts that could result from LRDR SUA alternatives.

Your input is important to ensure significant environmental issues, other areas of concern, and alternatives are considered in the EIS process.

The public scoping meetings will be conducted in an open house format and will provide attendees with the opportunity to talk with and ask questions of representatives from the MDA and other cooperating agencies. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to provide verbal and written official comments on the proposed project. Verbal comments may be provided one-on-one to a court reporter. The MDA will use your input to help identify environmental and other issues to be considered in completing this environmental study.

In addition to attending the meeting, the public may submit written comments until **July 5, 2019**.

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Anyone having further questions or media wishing to attend the meeting should contact MDA Public Affairs at 256-450-1599, or via email at MDAPressOperations@mda.mil.

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