

Alabama Ammunition Plant, Alabama

The Commission recommends Alabama Ammunition Plant for closure. The military value of the installation is lower than other installations in the same category, primarily because it has been in an inactive status since 1954, pending disposal. No capability to manufacture propellants and explosives remains at Alabama due to the fact that all production equipment has been removed. No mission or tenants need to be relocated. This closure will be paid back immediately. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$27 thousand.

The plant has significant environmental cleanup problems. The installation is on the national priority list for hazardous-waste cleanup. It has numerous contaminated sites and asbestos in several facilities.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

There are no realignments of units required for the closure.

New Orleans Military Ocean Terminal, Louisiana

The Commission recommends New Orleans Military Ocean Terminal for closure. The military value of the installation is lower than other installations in the same category, primarily because its facilities and piers cannot meet its mission to process and embark a combat force. Its peacetime mission is the temporary storage of privately owned vehicles and household goods. This mission can be eliminated.

There are no costs of closure and relocation; thus, there is an immediate

payback. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$1.0 million.

Poor wharf configuration, inadequate piers, and low accessibility of loading areas disqualify the site for continued military use. The facilities are the only property under Army control and ownership. All other property, including the land, belongs to the city of New Orleans.

The substation and transformers on the wharf need to be surveyed for asbestos, PCB's, and underground storage-tank contamination before property transfer. The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

There are no relocations of units necessary.

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Fort Sheridan, Illinois

The Commission recommends Fort Sheridan for closure primarily because it is located in a heavily urbanized, high-cost area with minimal potential for future growth. Its mission and tenants can be relocated. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within one year. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$40.8 million.

Fort Sheridan is the operations base for Headquarters, Fourth United States Army, and the United States Army Recruiting Command. Missions include command and control of reserve units in the area; recruiting functions for the Army; and area support for Reserve Component units and recruiting operations. Its relocation outside of the Chicago vicinity will reduce operating costs for the Army. Approximately 60 acres containing reserve support facilities should be retained. The Commission anticipates the cemetery will