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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting To Discuss the TRICARE Voluntary Agreements for Retail Refunds (VARRs) Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In response to pharmaceutical industry interest in the TRICARE VARRs Program, Department of Defense will host a meeting to discuss policies and procedures for VARRs.

**DATES:** Thursday, May 1, 2008 (8 a.m.–12 p.m.).

**ADDRESSES:** Marriott Wardman Park, 2600 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC 20008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTC Travis Watson, Deputy Director, Skyline 5, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, Telephone: (703) 681-2890; Fax: (703) 681-1940, E-mail Address: [UFVARR@tma.osd.mil](mailto:UFVARR@tma.osd.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide pharmaceutical manufacturers the policies and procedures TRICARE Management Activity uses under the VARRs Program.

*Meeting Agenda:* Sign-in; welcome and opening remarks; review of program; discussion of reporting; questions and answers; closing remarks.

*Meeting Accessibility:* The availability of space in this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and all persons must sign in legibly.

*Written Statements:* The public or interested organizations may submit

written statements to [UFVARR@tma.osd.mil](mailto:UFVARR@tma.osd.mil) at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Record of Decision To Develop, Test, Deploy, and Plan for Decommissioning of the Ballistic Missile Defense System

**AGENCY:** Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is issuing this Record of Decision (ROD) to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS). This decision includes the development, testing, deployment, and planning for decommissioning of land-, sea- and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components and space-based sensors. This action will enable MDA to develop and field an integrated, layered, BMDS to defend the United States (U.S.), its deployed forces, allies, and friends against all ranges of enemy ballistic missiles in all phases of flight. The BMDS is a key component of U.S. policy for addressing ballistic missile threats worldwide.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the BMDS Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) or this ROD please contact Mr. Rick Lehner, MDA Director of Public Affairs at (703) 697-8997. Downloadable electronic versions of the Final PEIS and ROD are available on the MDA public access Internet Web site <http://www.mda.mil/mdalink/html/enviro.html>. Public reading copies of the Final PEIS and the ROD are available for review at the following public libraries:

- Anchorage Municipal Library (Anchorage, AK).
- Mountain View Branch Library (Anchorage, AK).
- California State Library (Sacramento, CA).
- Sacramento Public Library (Sacramento, CA).
- Hawaii State Library (Honolulu, HI).
- University of Hawaii at Manoa (Honolulu, HI).

- Arlington County Public Library, Central Branch (Arlington, VA).
- District of Columbia Public Library, Central Branch (Washington, DC).

Dated: April 11, 2008.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. MDA Decision

The MDA is issuing this ROD, selecting Alternative 1 as described in the BMDS PEIS, to develop, test, deploy, and plan for decommissioning of the BMDS. This decision includes the development, testing, deployment, and planning for decommissioning of land-, sea-, and air-based platforms for BMDS weapons components. Alternative 1 also includes space-based sensors. MDA is deferring a decision on the development, testing, and deployment of space-based interceptors (Alternative 2) pending further concept development and policy discussion.

##### B. Background

The MDA has a requirement to develop, test, deploy, and prepare for decommissioning the BMDS to protect the U.S., its deployed forces, friends, and allies from ballistic missile threats. The proposed action would provide an integrated BMDS using existing infrastructure and capabilities, when feasible, as well as emerging and new technologies, to meet current and evolving threats in support of the MDA's mission. Consequently, the BMDS would be a layered system of defensive weapons, sensors, command and control, battle management, and communications (C2BMC), and support assets; each with specific functional capabilities, working together to defend against all classes and ranges of ballistic missile threats in all phases of flight. Multiple defensive weapons would be used to create a layered defense comprised of multiple intercept opportunities along the trajectory of the incoming ballistic missiles. This would provide a layered defensive system of capabilities designed to back up one another.

On December 17, 2002, the President announced his decision to field an initial defensive operation capability. The initial fielding would provide a modest protection of the U.S. and would be improved over time. Prior to the initiation of the BMDS PEIS, MDA and its predecessor agencies prepared several programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents regarding ballistic missile defense. In addition, each program