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**Draft Environmental Assessment  
for the  
Granite Target Site, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico**

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction are proposing a new test site within White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), New Mexico. Hard granite rock is required to carry out certain testing programs, and existing test sites are running out of suitable granite. The proposed site represents the best available combination of location, geology and access, and would allow continued testing at WSMR.

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act, an Environmental Assessment was completed to determine what environmental impacts the activities associated with the construction and operation at this new location would have to the environment. The initial results of the Draft Environmental Assessment found no significant impacts from the anticipated activities associated with the construction and operations at the proposed new location.

The final Environmental Assessment is scheduled for completion in September 2015. The Draft Environmental Assessment is available to the public on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers web site: <http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalComplianceDocuments.aspx>.

Paper copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment are also available at the following Information Repositories:

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library  
200 E. Picacho Avenue  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

White Sands Missile Range Post Library  
Building 465  
WSMR, New Mexico 88002-5000

Socorro Public Library  
401 Park St.  
Socorro, NM 87801

Questions concerning the Draft EA for the proposed new location should be directed to Ms. Deborah Hartell at 575-678-2225 or [deborah.j.hartell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:deborah.j.hartell.civ@mail.mil). Comments regarding the Draft EA will be received for 30-days from August 20, 2015 through September 18, 2015. Comments can be sent to the following address:

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