

REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS		Report Control Symbol (RCS): [RCS Needed]
INSTRUCTIONS: Section I to be completed by Proponent; Sections II and III to be completed by Environmental Planning Function. Continue on separate sheets as necessary. Reference appropriate item number(s).		
SECTION I - PROPONENT INFORMATION		
1. TO (Environmental Planning Function) 19 CES/CEI	2. FROM (Proponent organization and functional address symbol) Air Force - 19CES/CENPL	2a. TELEPHONE NO. 987-7541
3. TITLE OF PROPOSED ACTION Stand Up LRAFB Deployable Combat Wing (DCW)		
4. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION (Identify decision to be made and need date) 1. State the purpose of this action. Little Rock Air Force Base has been selected as one of two bases to establish the Deployable Combat Wing (DCW). 2. State the need for this action. Headquarters Air Force (HAF) is establishing DCWs that align with the rest of DOD directorate levels (i.e. A-Staff, A1; personnel/administration, A2; Intelligence/security A3; Operations & Training, A4-Operations, etc...). This will be part of the new AF Force Generation (AFFORGEN) deployment cycle. While in preparation cycle, DCW personnel will train at higher Operational Security (OPSEC) level and participate in deployment exercises at base/station and at TDY locations in preparation for deployment. 3. Why is the basing action needed and what capability is it upgrading/addressing? The intent is for the Air Force to align with new AFFORGEN deployment cycle. The change acknowledges the need for Airmen to train together and build team cohesion preparing to arrive in the theater as a lethal team ready to operate in highly contested environments. 4. What will happen if you cannot do this project/action? HAF would choose another installation to meet the need and LRAFB will lose an opportunity to lead the way in the evolution in how AF deploys its forces from a crowd-sourced model to one in which Airmen from the same installation deploy together as part of a mission-ready Unit of Action built for today's fight. 5. Provide any additional details related to the Purpose and Need for Action. Moody AFB has also been selected to stand-up a DCW. Need Date: 05/13/2025		
5. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES (DOPAA) (Provide sufficient details for evaluation of the total action.) 1. Describe the proposed action. HAF is establishing DCWs that align with the rest of DOD directorate levels. This will be part of the new AFFORGEN deployment cycle. While in preparation cycle DCW personnel will train at higher Operational Security (OPSEC) level and participate in deployment exercises at base/station and at TDY locations in preparation for deployment. 2. Describe alternatives to the proposed action. COA 1; Status Quo. Do nothing and HAF will choose another base COA 2: Setup Deployable Combat Wing (DCW) at LRAFB 3. What alternatives were eliminated from consideration? No Action Alternative eliminated from consideration		

4. Describe what will happen if no action is taken.

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5. Please describe changes in aircraft or vehicle numbers, personnel, and description of operations.

Establishing the DCW would result in no new aircraft. There will be an increase in personnel; it is estimated that approx. 200 Airmen will relocate to LRAFB through PCS and will be integrated into squadrons/units across the installation. It may be necessary to expand the number of vehicles to accommodate additional personnel; however, the current infrastructure is capable of supporting the increase.

6. Please provide key basing criteria.

Mission impacts: Establishing the DCW would not involve the beddown of additional aircraft and therefore should not impact the current flying mission.

Capacity to accommodate: Although the current infrastructure can support an increase in personnel (Airmen would be integrated into existing facilities within their assigned unit/squadrons), some facilities would likely require minimal interior remodeling to accommodate office space. Existing building footprints should not be altered under the proposed action. Costs associated with the renovations would be much lower than new construction or full-scale renovation. There are multiple housing options both on base and in the surrounding communities that can accommodate an increase in installation personnel.

7. Please discuss new facilities (MILCON, renovations) needed to support the action. What existing facilities will be used (include admin facilities, dfac, dorms, aircraft parking/mooring and POV/GOV parking requirements,etc.).

There will not be any MILCON projects associated with the proposed action. Interior renovations will be minimal, and exterior renovations are not anticipated. There will be no beddown of additional aircraft. It is unknown how many additional government vehicles, if any, will be needed.

8. What is the location for facilities construction? Attach map(s)/diagram(s) to include an overview map of where your requested project area(s) is/are on the installation

B1250, B344, B370 and B1100 are currently listed as buildings that can be modified with new workstation/desk to support additional personnel

9. What are the new flying training requirements, sorties numbers, flight routes and training areas to be used?

No new Aircraft.

10. What is the overall projected change in flight operations? Describe how flight operations will change over time with the beddown.

None.

11. Provide as much of the following information about your project requirements: 1) Utility/Comm requirements; 2) Will any hazardous materials be used or stored on site? 3) Will any hazardous waste be generated? If so, how will you ensure proper disposal?

Utility/comm requirements should be minimal (setting up new work stations, etc.). For the most part, existing buildings and existing comm ports will be utilized. No additional hazardous materials or waste will be generated, however personnel assigned to facilities storing hazmat or generating haz waste must undergo required training upon reporting to LR.

12. Provide any additional details related to the Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives (e.g., outline mitigation measures and other issues).

Moody AFB is the other base that is being aligned for this new Deployable Combat Wing (DCW).

Map Attachments:

[LRAFB DCW Buildings Layout.pdf](#)

Additional POCs:

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Location Description / Justification:

The incoming personnel will be integrated into squadrons/units across 19 AW. The four buildings previously mentioned are those that may need interior remodeling.

6. PROPONENT APPROVAL <i>(Name and Grade)</i> randall.m.green	6a. SIGNATURE //randall.m.green i:0e.t[fedvis]randall.m.green//	6b. DATE 04/29/2025
SECTION II - PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY <i>(Check appropriate box and describe potential environmental effects including cumulative effects.) (+ = positive effect; 0 = no effect; - = adverse effect; U = unknown effect)</i>		<div> <div>+</div> <div>0</div> <div>-</div> <div>U</div> </div>
7. AIR INSTALLATION COMPATIBLE LAND USE/ZONE USE <i>(Noise, accident potential, encroachment, etc.)</i>		X
8. AIR QUALITY <i>(Emissions, Attainment status, state implementation plan, etc.)</i>		X
9. WATER RESOURCES <i>(Drinking water, wastewater, quality, quantity, source, water features, etc.)</i>		X
10. SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH <i>(Asbestos/lead-based paint/radiation/chemical exposure, explosives safety quantity distance, bird/wildlife aircraft hazard, etc.)</i>		X
11. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE <i>(Use/storage/generation, solid waste, toxic materials, etc.)</i>		X
12. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES <i>(Wetlands/floodplains, threatened or endangered species, etc.)</i>		X
13. CULTURAL RESOURCES <i>(Burial sites, archaeological, historical, etc.)</i>		X
14. GEOLOGY AND SOILS <i>(Topography, minerals, geothermal, Installation Restoration Program, seismicity, etc.)</i>		X
15. SOCIOECONOMIC <i>(Employment/population projections, school and local fiscal impacts, etc.)</i>		X
16. OTHER <i>(Potential impacts not addressed above, such as Host Nation considerations/concerns for non-US locations.)</i>		X
SECTION III - ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS DETERMINATION		
17. <input checked="" type="radio"/> PROPOSED ACTION QUALIFIES FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CATEX) #DON-(f)(38) ; OR <input type="radio"/> PROPOSED ACTION DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A CATEX; FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED.		
18. REMARKS USAF published the Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act in the Federal Register Vol. 89 No. 227, 25 Nov 2024. I have determined that CATEX DON (f)(38) is applicable to the establishment of a Deployable Combat Wing. Personnel are being relocated, through PCS, into federally owned space on Little Rock AFB and does not involve substantial change which would affect supporting infrastructure. The installation can accommodate an increase of approximately 200 active-duty personnel. The installation's population has fluctuated over time.		
19. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FUNCTION CERTIFICATION <i>(Name and Grade)</i> Hardage, Dana GS-12	19a. SIGNATURE //Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage i:0e.t[fedvis]dana.l.hardage//	19b. DATE 05/07/2025

CONTINUATION SHEET

Review Comments:

Air Quality (05/06/2025 - Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage)

Actions associated with establishing a DCW would not create criteria pollutant and/or hazardous pollutant emissions; require modification or issuance of a new air permit; require ACAM analysis; or include establishment of new source. No impacts to Air Quality

Cultural Resources (05/06/2025 - Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage)

There should be no impact on cultural resources. As indicated, only minor interior renovations are expected, which would not necessitate NHPA Sec 106 consultation. If more extensive renovations, requiring consultation, are needed in the future, the appropriate consultation will take place at that time.

Natural Resources (05/06/2025 - Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage)

The establishment of the DCW will have no impact on natural, biological, or water resources. Additional personnel will be stationed in existing facilities and, if outdoor training is required, current ranges will be utilized. If additional training areas, facilities, or outdoor work become necessary in the future, the proponent will be required to reinitiate the NEPA process.

Hazardous Materials/Waste (05/06/2025 - Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage)

The DCW would not result in new processes which would introduce hazardous materials or generate hazardous waste in addition to those currently occurring during daily operations. Any personnel assigned to a facility storing haz materials or generating haz waste will be required to attend specialized training once reporting to LRAFB.

Any remodeling or renovation must be conducted IAW AR Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Rule 21: AR Asbestos Abatement Rule. Each of the four facilities mentioned must undergo ACM and LBP surveys if any demolition is to occur, and complete abatement IAW Rule 21

Other (05/06/2025 - Hardage Dana DOD CIV - dana.l.hardage)

Socioeconomic: An increase of approx. 200 personnel may have a positive impact on the base and surrounding communities.

Legal (05/06/2025 - Chatham Robert P DOD - robert.p.chatham)

CATEX's usually apply in similar or comparable situations. The CATEX covering this situation is directly on point and excludes any further necessary action and is legally sufficient. (f)(38) Relocation of personnel into existing federally owned or commercially leased space that does not involve a substantial change affecting the supporting infrastructure (e.g., no increase in vehicular traffic beyond the capacity of the supporting road network to accommodate such an increase). 200 personnel will not cause a substantial change to the infrastructure/roads/traffic. If substantial changes need to be made to the affected buildings in the future, this will need revisited.

Attachments:

[Federal Register Notice of DAF Adopted CATEXes.pdf](#)