



The Army announced its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for managing and accommodating increased training requirements at Fort Benning, Georgia (Maneuver Center of Excellence EIS) in the Federal Register on March 18, 2008. This proposed action is needed to transform the Army, meet the increased national security and defense requirements of the 21st century, maintain training and operational readiness levels of the force, and preserve a high quality of life for U.S. Soldiers and families.

This announcement, on April 2, 2008, initiates the start of the 30-day public involvement process. As part of this process, the ***Army is holding a scoping meeting*** at the location below and invites your participation. This meeting will be held in an open house format (meaning there are no formal presentations), and your participation will assist Army representatives identify issues/concerns associated with the proposed action, define the scope of analysis for the EIS, and identify reasonable alternatives and mitigation.

Army representatives, displays, and informational material will be available at the meeting on ***Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*** The meeting will be held at the:

Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center, Founders Hall, Room 141
Columbus State University on the corner of East Lindsey and College Drives

You may submit written comments to:

Mr. John Brent, Fort Benning Directorate of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
Bldg. #6 (Meloy Hall), Room 310, Fort Benning, GA 31905

Although Fort Benning will accept comments throughout the process, we recommend that your scoping comments be sent by May 1, 2008 to ensure equitable consideration in the draft EIS. If you have any further questions about the Transformation proposal, you may contact Ms. Monica Manganaro, (706) 545-3438 Fort Benning Public Affairs Office, or Mr. Brandon Cockrell at (706) 545-3210.