

ACQUISITION OF SITES SLATED FOR SAFEGUARD

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Langdon, ND - Real estate experts from the Omaha District of the US Army Corps of Engineers will begin contacting landowners in Cavalier, Walsh, and Pembina counties in the near future to begin negotiations for the purchase of land and acquisition of permanent easements for the Safeguard Ballistic Defense System sites.

Negotiation with the landowners in the area will be based on recent appraisals made by the Omaha District real estate division, according to Col. Roy P. Beatty, area engineer for the Safeguard deployment in northeast North Dakota.

As previously announced, approximately 300 acres will be purchased for the missile site radar near Nekoma, ND; 200 acres for the perimeter acquisition radar near Concrete, ND, and 50 acres for the two remote Sprint launch sites.

One of the remote sites is located seven miles northwest of Langdon, the other about 11 miles south of Walhalla, ND. Approximately five acres will be purchased for the water supply wells and pumping stations, mostly in Walsh county. In addition, certain easements, totalling approximately 230 acres will be required for the missile site radar, 300 acres for each Sprint site and 545 acres for a water pipeline.

Further information regarding the appraisal negotiations and purchase of land for the Safeguard sites may be obtained by contacting the real estate division of the Omaha District, telephone number 221-4320 (Area code 402).