



# Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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USD(P&R)

**SUBJECT:** Sustaining Access to the Live Training and Test Domain

**References:** See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This directive:

a. Reissues and renames DoD Directive (DoDD) 3200.15 (Reference (a)), pursuant to Title 10, United States Code (Reference (b)), and DoDDs 5124.02, 5134.01, and 5141.02 (References (c) through (e)).

b. Updates established policy and assigned responsibilities to sustain full operational use of, and access to, the DoD live training and test domain.

2. APPLICABILITY. This directive:

a. Applies to:

(1) OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the "DoD Components").

(2) All operational ranges and their associated facilities, authorized radio frequency spectrum allocations, public lands withdrawn for DoD purposes, training areas, test areas, seaspace, and military airspace that the DoD owns, operates, leases, or controls for training, testing, research, or development in the live training and test domain.

(3) The live training and test domain outside the United States in accordance with applicable international agreements, including status of forces agreements and final governing standards.

b. Does **not** apply to operational ranges used solely to support contingency operations unless otherwise specified.

3. POLICY. It is DoD policy to:

a. Preserve and sustain access and operational use of the live training and test domain needed to support current and future requirements through:

(1) Comprehensive planning and risk management to avoid or mitigate constraints and restrictions from encroachment or competing DoD and non-DoD interests and requirements.

(2) Management that incorporates sound environmental principles and range sustainment considerations.

(3) Strategic engagement with other federal, State, and private entities to avoid or mitigate actions that would inadvertently compromise military training, testing, and operations.

(4) Partnerships that promote multi-lateral communication with stakeholders.

(5) Clear articulation of current and anticipated training and mission requirements to inform stakeholders.

b. Sustain the resiliency and capacity of areas used for training and test through:

(1) Integration of mission requirements with sound resource management as well as natural and cultural resource principles.

(2) Management that balances usage and level of maintenance to support realistic training and testing.

c. Maintain an inventory of DoD operational ranges.

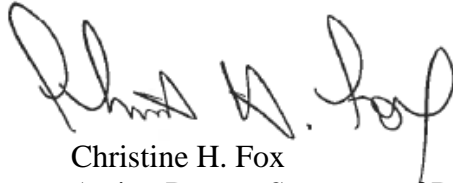
d. Assist State and local governments in preventing encroachment from civilian communities which may impair the operational utility of military installations, in accordance with DoDD 5410.12 (Reference (f)).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES. See Enclosure 2.

5. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This directive is available on the Directives Division Website at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/>.

6. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1. The change to this issuance updates references and removes expiration language in accordance with current Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense direction.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective December 18, 2013.

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Christine H. Fox  
Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense

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ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES

- (a) DoD Directive 3200.15, “Sustainment of Ranges and Operating Areas (OPAREAs),” January 10, 2003 (hereby cancelled)
- (b) Title 10, United States Code
- (c) DoD Directive 5124.02, “Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)),” June 23, 2008
- (d) DoD Directive 5134.01, “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)),” December 9, 2005, as amended
- (e) DoD Directive 5141.02, “Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E),” February 2, 2009
- (f) DoD Directive 5410.12, “Economic Assistance to Defense-Impacted Communities,” July 5, 2006, as amended
- (g) DoD Directive 1322.18, “Military Training,” October 3, 2019
- (h) DoD Directive 5105.71, “Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center (TRMC),” March 8, 2004
- (i) Section 266 of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations

ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS (USD(P&R)). The USD(P&R):

- a. Oversees military training pursuant to DoDD 1322.18 (Reference (g)).
- b. Establishes policy for, and oversees implementation of, a DoD methodology to identify, assess, and report the impact of encroachment on training capability.
  - (1) Prioritizes training impacts and mitigation strategies in coordination with the Military Departments.
  - (2) Establishes mechanisms to gauge mitigation effort success.
- c. Partners with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) and the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) to evaluate encroachment impacts, mitigation strategies and successes, and engagement strategies with stakeholders.
- d. Oversees the DoD training operational range inventory.
- e. Establishes, in coordination with the USD(AT&L) and DOT&E, integrated product teams to act as coordinating bodies on encroachment issues, as appropriate.

2. USD(AT&L). The USD(AT&L):

- a. Oversees DoD-wide installation facilities issues and environmental programs to support the training and test mission.
- b. Oversees developmental testing and evaluation and the adequacy of test and evaluation facilities and resources to meet DoD test and evaluation requirements pursuant to Reference (d) and DoDD 5105.71 (Reference (h)).
- c. Establishes and oversees a DoD methodology, in coordination with the DOT&E, to identify, assess, and report the impact of encroachment on test capability.
  - (1) Prioritizes test impacts and mitigation strategies in coordination with the Military Departments.
  - (2) Establishes mechanisms to gauge mitigation effort success.

- d. Manages the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program.
- e. Ensures that research, development, test, and evaluation programs address encroachment issues, in coordination with the USD(P&R) and DOT&E.
- f. Establishes a stakeholder engagement strategy.
- g. Partners with the USD(P&R) and DOT&E to evaluate encroachment impacts, mitigation strategies and successes, and stakeholder engagement strategies.

3. DOT&E. The DOT&E partners with the USD(P&R) and USD(AT&L) to evaluate encroachment impacts, mitigation strategies and successes, and stakeholder engagement strategies.

4. ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS (ATSD(PA)). The ATSD(PA) supports the USD(AT&L) to implement paragraph 2f of this enclosure.

5. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. The Secretaries of the Military Departments:

- a. Develop and implement comprehensive planning and risk management, in accordance with this directive, to sustain access and operational use of the live training and test domain.

- (1) Address competing interests and encroachment challenges in a dynamic, flexible, and adaptive manner to meet changing conditions and mission requirements.

- (2) Identify training and test requirements, mission footprints, impacts, and mitigation strategies.

- (3) Plan, program, and budget for requirements to protect current and future use and access to the live training and test domain, including planning and budgeting for actions pursuant to section 2684a of Reference (b).

- b. Develop and implement measures to sustain the resiliency and capacity of areas used for training and testing.

- c. Develop and implement partnerships with stakeholders.

- d. Conduct strategic engagements to avoid or mitigate actions that would compromise military training, testing, and operations.

- e. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date inventory of operational ranges.

6. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff integrates planning for mission capability and encroachment into strategies, planning, policy, and exercises.

## GLOSSARY

### PART I. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ATSD(PA)	Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
DoDD	DoD directive
DOT&E	Director of Operational Test and Evaluation
USD(AT&L)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
USD(P&R)	Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

### PART II. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, these terms and their definitions are for the purposes of this directive.

access. Accessibility and availability to the live training and test domain in order to support doctrinal capability requirements.

encroachment. External, as well as internal, DoD factors and influences that constrain or have the potential to inhibit the full access or operational use of the live training and test domain. Examples include, but are not limited to, endangered species and critical habitat, unexploded ordnance and munitions, radio frequency spectrum, maritime or airspace restrictions, air quality, airborne noise, urban growth, physical obstructions, and renewable energy projects.

live training domain. The environment where the DoD executes training, with or without the use of munitions, under field conditions (land, air, or water) to achieve and sustain proficiency on training requirements.

live test domain. The actual field environment (land, air, water) where the DoD conducts testing in anticipation of the military's use of any weapons, equipment, munitions, systems, or their components.

military training route. An aerial corridor in which the DoD conducts low-altitude, high-speed training (i.e., typically below 10,000 feet and at speeds greater than 250 knots).

operational range. Defined in section 101(e)(3) of Reference (b). Includes active and inactive ranges defined in section 266 of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (i)).

range. Defined in section 101(e)(1) of Reference (b).

range activities. Defined in section 101(e)(2) of Reference (b).



stakeholder. Federal and non-federal agencies, State, Indian tribal, or local governments, and non-government organizations including businesses or individuals from the private sector, who have an interest in, or may be affected by DoD training and test activities. Stakeholders outside the United States may include international organizations, host nation government entities, and non-governmental organizations.

United States. The States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Atoll, Nassau Island, Palmyra Island, Wake Island, and any other territory or possession of the United States and associated navigable waters, contiguous zones, and ocean waters of which the natural resources are under the exclusive management authority of the United States.