

FACT SHEET Sentinel Site Activation Task Force Detachments

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Sentinel Site Activation Task Force Detachments are Air Force Global Strike units charged to liaise with mission partners to coordinate the retirement of MM III and Sentinel deployment activities at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. (Det 10); Malmstrom AFB, Mont. (Det 11); Minot AFB, ND (Det 12); and Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif. (Det 9). These Detachments will remain active until Sentinel is fully operational with the overarching mission of providing a continuously viable, secure, and effective land-based nuclear deterrent.

The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Section 1652) identified the AFGSC Commander as the single accountable office to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for all aspects of the Air Force nuclear mission in support of U.S. Strategic Command. All requirements of the operational, test, and support facilities are determined by AFGSC or one of its subordinate units.

Section 1638(a) of the FY23 NDAA directed establishing an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Modernization Directorate within AFGSC led by a General Officer. The Director of ICBM Modernization tasks and oversees support from government and non-government organizations (except for acquisition authorities) to field the Sentinel weapon system while simultaneously operating the MM III weapon system and is responsible for site activation and transition of the Sentinel weapon system in partnership with government, civilian, and industry stakeholders.

The SATAF Detachments oversee the implementation of daily activities of the wing transition plan to deactivate MM III operational sites and deploy the Sentinel weapon system in the most efficient and timely manner. The Detachments are ultimately responsible for overseeing and coordinating all assigned transition and deployment activities while keeping unity of effort by integrating, synchronizing, and coordinating all government and non-government agencies.

Detachment 9 was activated March 6, 2025.

Detachment 10 was activated April 3, 2025.

Detachment 11 was activated April 4, 2025.

Detachment 12 was activated May 21, 2025.

