

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

*In 2002 National Missile Defense was renamed the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system*

## PURPOSE OF GMD

To defend against missiles from a rogue state such as North Korea, or from an accidental or unauthorized launch from Russia or China.

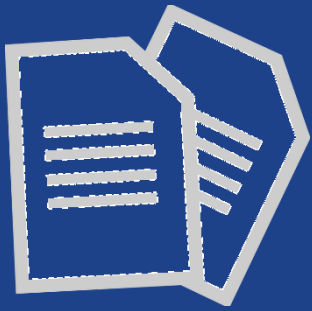


## ANTI-MISSILE INTERCEPTORS

The U.S. has installations in Alaska and California; 3 sites are under consideration for a third installation (New York, Ohio and Michigan).

## COST OF GMD PROGRAM

So far the GMD system has cost about \$40 billion; the construction of the new site is expected to cost \$4 billion.



## GMD'S TEST RECORD

The success rate of the GMD system has been dismal with only 9 successful intercepts in 17 attempts.

## NEED FOR THIRD SITE

The DOD and Missile Defense Agency have said they do not need a third site and that the money would be better spent improving the existing system.



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