

An aerial photograph of a coastal facility. In the foreground, there is a large, circular concrete pad with a tall, metal lattice tower structure. A paved road curves around the pad. To the right, a sandy beach meets the ocean with waves breaking. In the background, there are several buildings and more of the facility, extending towards the water. The sky is clear and blue.

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