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July 25, 2005

TO: Clearinghouse@wso.whs.mil

FROM: BRAC Commission

SUBJECT: Watervliet Arsenal

1. Confirm that no personnel are impacted by this recommendation.
2. How was the determination made that the DoD no longer requires the capability for Other Field Artillery Components?
3. What specific capabilities does this recommendation disestablish?
4. What percentage of the footprint at Watervliet does this recommendation impact? What specific buildings will no longer be required? For what are these buildings currently utilized? Who is using them?
5. The justification mentions the potential for partnering. If the intent is to divest the Army of excess property, why does this need to be accomplished through BRAC?
6. Provide the current 2005 percentage of facility utilization.

Regards,

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July 28, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR R. GARY DINSICK, ARMY
TEAM LEADER

Subject: WATERVLiet ARSENAL , OSD BRAC Clearinghouse
Tasker C0688

The following is in response to your e-mail inquiry of July 25, 2005, where you asked the following:

1. *Confirm that no personnel are impacted by this recommendation.*
Response: There are no personnel impacted by this recommendation.
2. *How was the determination made that the DoD no longer requires the capability for Other Field Artillery Components?*
Response: Other Field Artillery Components was workload that the Army agreed could be performed at the depots.
3. *What specific capabilities does this recommendation disestablish?*
Response: Capabilities for HMMV Armor Survivability Kits, miscellaneous metal work, motor vehicle tow bars, Tomahawk Missile Containers, Bomb racks, and mobile tool carts.
4. *What percentage of the footprint at Watervliet does this recommendation impact? What specific buildings will no longer be required? For what are these buildings currently utilized? Who is using them?*
Response: The recommendation results in a 43 percent footprint reduction. This percent of reduction resulted from certified data provided to the IJCSG by the Army. The numbers were generated by their footprint reduction plan.
5. *The justification mentions the potential for partnering. If the intent is to divest the Army of excess property, why does this need to be accomplished through BRAC?*
Response: The IJCSG did consider partnering with the local development authority (LDA). Consideration was given to complete transfer of Watervliet to the LDA, not just the excess portion, with Army leasing back what they need. However, during the deliberative review process, it was decided that this specific option could not be included since we could not compel the local authority to lease back. The IJCSG has no objection

if subsequently the commission received a commitment from the authority for lease back at a desirable rate.

The Army decided that before they divest themselves of excess property, they needed answers to the following questions. What capabilities are resident at Watervliet and Rock Island? What can we relocate? Do we have excess capability? Is there duplication of capabilities at the two sites? Do we have like capabilities anywhere else within the industrial base? How much space does the Army need to retain for its Life Cycle Center of Excellence for Gun-Tube Manufacturing? The BRAC process allowed the Army to look at Armaments manufacturing in totality, remove non-core related workload, re-size its manufacturing base downward by 43%, create synergy from R&D through manufacturing, and focus on the creation of a gun-tube center of excellence.

6. *Provide the current 2005 percentage of facility utilization.*

Response: Based on FY 2003 certified data, Watervliet has a 57% utilization rate

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Jay Berry
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