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Ventura County Star (California)

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SACRAMENTO -- The chairman of the state Council on Base Support and Retention on Thursday urged communities slated to lose jobs under the Pentagon's proposed base **realignment** and closure plan to "keep their powder dry" until more data is released to explain the military's rationale.

"The most important thing they can do right now is analyze the data," said Leon Panetta, the former Democratic congressman and one-time White House chief of staff who was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to head the state council.

Panetta told a legislative panel that the council would provide technical expertise to help communities in their analyses and promised, "We will assist them in putting their arguments together and we will assist them in presenting their arguments to the BRAC Commission."

Later, however, in an interview with The Star, Panetta added a caveat: In those cases in which one area of the state is pitted against another, the communities will be on their own. "I don't know that we want to get into the middle of that," he said.

The full council affirmed that position after an afternoon meeting in the governor's office.

Staying out of the middle

"We're going to help all communities, but we're not going to take positions for or against communities in which operations are being transferred within the state," said Roger "Ted" Rains

of Camarillo, a member of the state council who also serves on the Ventura County BRAC Task Force. "We don't want to get caught in that situation."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last week released the initial list which, although generally favorable to California, calls for **realignments** that would result in the net loss of an estimated 3,397 jobs in Ventura County, including direct military and civilian employment and the jobs in the general economy the base employment indirectly creates. Of those, 2,250 would be direct jobs transferred to the Naval Air Weapons Station in China Lake. The Pentagon asserted the Ventura County-China Lake **realignment** could save the federal government \$433 million over the next 20 years.

Officials at Naval Base Ventura County said Thursday that it's still unknown which positions at the base could be affected.

Panetta noted that to date the Pentagon has released just one of 12 volumes of data that contain the assumptions used to project cost savings.

Until more information becomes available, advocates for the operations in Point Mugu are in limbo, said Tom Nielsen, spokesman for the Ventura County BRAC Task Force.

Too soon to devise strategy

Without firm numbers on possible job relocations and more detail on how officials arrived at their conclusions, Nielsen said, it is impossible for local advocates to devise a strategy to try to preserve those local jobs.

Nielsen said members of the task force are determined not to take the Pentagon's recommendations lying down. "The job relocation is like arranging deck chairs," Nielsen said. "It's something to do, but it doesn't mean it's the right thing to do."

He said members are perplexed over what was released last Friday. "We wish we had access to the details that created this document," said Nielsen. "I think our frustration is pretty strong because of our lack of access to information."

The state council canceled a seminar that had originally been scheduled for today to provide guidance to communities adversely affected by the Pentagon proposals.

"Very few asked to participate, so we're going to go out to the communities and provide that information directly to them," Panetta said.

In his testimony before the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee, Panetta said the state council's response to the BRAC report will focus "on two areas we obviously want to help. **Corona** and Ventura are probably the top."

The Pentagon proposed the closure of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in **Corona**, which would mean the loss of 1,100 civilian jobs. Under the plan, 859 of those jobs would be moved to Point Mugu.

The issue of intrastate transfers creates an awkward challenge to the state council charged with fighting to protect California's interests.

Preview of governor's testimony

Rains said the council decided that when Schwarzenegger testifies before the BRAC Commission at a July 14 hearing in Los Angeles, he will talk generally about the importance of California military installations in the national defense "but will not argue for any particular activity unless a base is losing operations to another state."

Rains, a former executive director of the Port Hueneme Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, said he will continue to advocate for Ventura County's interest, but not in his capacity as a member of the state council.

"We're looking forward to the release of hard data," he said. "We're probably a week away from having enough to decide whether we even have a decent argument."

Rains predicted that it will be "a real uphill battle" to persuade the commission to change any of the Pentagon's **realignment** proposals.

The federal BRAC Commission on Thursday released its schedule of 16 regional hearings it will conduct across the country in June and July. The Los Angeles hearing is last on the schedule.

Commissioners have pledged to visit each of the bases targeted for **realignment** or closure before the regional hearings at which the future of those bases will be discussed.

Bush affirms base closures

Ventura County Star (California)

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He says unneeded sites waste billions

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland -- Speaking out for the first time in favor of controversial base closings, President Bush said Friday the nation is wasting billions of dollars on unnecessary military facilities and needs the money for the war on terrorism.

Bush, who faces opposition from many states to shutting down bases, tried to be reassuring. He said the bases would be chosen fairly and the government would do all it could to help affected communities recover.

But he made clear that the process -- however painful -- could not be avoided.

In a speech to graduates of the Naval Academy, he said the closings and **realignments** "will result in a military that is more efficient and better prepared so you can better protect the American people against the dangers of this new century.

"In this war, there is only one option, and that is victory," he said, to cheers from midshipmen, relatives and faculty at the academy on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

When Bush last spoke at a Naval Academy commencement, it was four months before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and his focus was his administration's effort to reshape the military into a

faster, lighter and more flexible -- but not larger -- fighting force.

Since the attacks, and amid a global anti-terror campaign and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, a top-to-bottom military transformation is even more necessary, Bush said. Keys to the success are new technology, repositioning of global forces, new weapons and realigned bases at home, he said.

Bush said he understands the fears in cities where bases have been marked for changes or closure. The first round of closings in a decade has members of Congress and local officials working hard to protect the 33 major bases slated for closure and the 29 others proposed for downsizing.

"I know firsthand how hard base closings can be on local communities," said the former Texas governor, who saw facilities shut down in his state.

Members of the congressionally chartered Base **Realignment** and Closure Commission will visit bases and hold hearings on the Pentagon proposal. The plan aims to save \$48.8 billion over 20 years by eliminating redundant and inefficient facilities and promoting cooperation among the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Under the current recommendations, Naval Base Ventura County, which employs 6,000 military personnel and 9,000 civilians, would lose 2,393 civilian and military jobs. It would gain 859 jobs when the Naval Surface Warfare Center **Corona** Division transfers to Naval Base Ventura County as part of the **realignment**.

Channel Islands Air National Guard next to Point Mugu would gain 19 jobs.

The panel will decide on any changes to the Pentagon plan and then give a list to Bush and Congress this fall for approval or rejection.

Commission Chairman Anthony Principi on Friday joined a growing chorus of lawmakers demanding that the Defense Department quickly release the thousands of pages of data backing up each of its recommendations.

"We cannot make informed decisions without the data," Principi said on Capitol Hill. "That's critical to our work."

Though all bases have defenders, Bush suggested most efforts to save them will be futile.

"We have more bases than we need," Bush said. "Supporting these facilities wastes billions of taxpayers' dollars, money that can be better spent on giving you the tools to fight terrorists and confront 21st-century threats."

The graduation ceremonies got under way with 21 cannon blasts and a fast and low flyover by the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision team of F/A-18 Hornets. After speaking, Bush handed out diplomas to those graduating with distinction, and he shook the hands of all 976 graduates.

**Sinking feeling over base in bull's eye;
Norco businesses brace for shelling by Pentagon cost-cutters**
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COREY WASHINGTON
June 6, 2005

The impending closure of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco and loss of 892 jobs has nearby small businesses on edge over the hit the local economy will take.

The Department of Defense included the Norco center among the military facilities on its national Base **Realignment** and Closure list.

The Norco base will continue to operate until the Base **Realignment** and Closure Commission considers appeals in Los Angeles July 14. The commission will forward its recommendations to the President Sept. 8.

If the commission recommends closure, the Norco base would close in about two years.

Restaurants, service stations, and hotels will feel the sting if the 900 employees transfer to Point Mugu in Ventura County, said Brian Oulman, director of Norco economic development.

Burger Basket on Hamner Avenue rings up half its business during lunch hour, cashier Wendy Rico said.

"Those are my regulars. They account for a lot of our big <takeout> orders, too," Rico said. The Norco center generates \$ 146.9 million for Norco's economy, including salaries, service contracts, and material purchases, according to a report compiled by economist John Husing in January. Computer Sciences Corporation in Norco, formerly known as DynCorp, is the largest contractor with the warfare center. The company could lose nearly 300 jobs if the base closes.

Base closures have devastated cities and small businesses in the past. In 1994, Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino and George Air Force Base in Victorville closed as a part of the end of the cold war, forcing small businesses to eventually shut down.

Since the station is Norco's largest employer, the closure will hurt the city's ability to attract small businesses, retailers and offices, Oulman said.

The warfare center does not keep information on how many of its engineering and service contracts are with companies in Norco, spokeswoman Roberta Spieler said.

"When we get retailers coming to us, one of the questions they ask is about the largest employers. This could affect their decision to bring their business to the city," Oulman said.

The Naval Surface Warfare Center was not a factor in the decision to buy the Guesthouse Inn & Suites on Hamner Avenue in February, owner and manager Palvika Patel said.

The motel lodges at least two customers that are employees or visitors to the Norco base on its slowest business days, Patel said. The Guesthouse Inn & Suites on Hamner offers discounts to naval employees who are returning customers.

"At first, I didn't notice it was there. I learned a couple of days later after seeing they are a lot of my customers," Patel said. "It's going to be hard on us."

The motel will remain with the current owners though there is no

plan for dealing with the potential loss of some its customers, Patel said.

Groups fight closure

City officials and at least two local organizations plan to fight the base's closure at the commission hearing on July 14, Oulman said.

The city of Norco anticipated the possible closure of the base in 2003, Oulman said. As a result, the Inland Empire Installation Support Committee formed and began raising funds with the **Corona**-Norco Military Affairs Committee. To date, the groups have raised \$ 150,000 contributed by the cities of Norco, Riverside, **Corona** and several area businesses, Oulman said.

The group hired The PMA Group, a Washington, D.C., lobbyist, in July for \$ 7,500 a month to support keeping the base open, Oulman said. Though hopes are being pinned on retaining the base, the Norco Chamber of Commerce intends to support its small businesses in any way it can if the base closes, said Pam Cuthbertson, treasurer of the chamber and member of the **Base Realignment** and Closure Retention Committee.

"(Businesses) are concerned about what we can do if the base closes.

"If the base closes, we are going to be very active in helping the city in bringing business to the area," Cuthbertson said.

Local businesses and organizations still have time to help persuade the base closure commission to keep the Norco center open, Oulman said.

"At this point, we're still optimistic," Oulman said. "I am reminding everybody that the commission has not met yet. This is only a recommendation."

"Assuming that this decision becomes final, we're going to have to work on a re-use plan. The ideal situation would be that the city of Norco could obtain the property from the government and search for a master developer to restructure the site," Oulman said.

The city currently has no plans or ideas on what to do if the base closes or what will happen to the site, Oulman said.

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BASE IMPACT

Estimate of Annual Spending

Salaries and Benefits: \$ 79.2 Million

Engineering Contracts: \$ 42.0 Million

Service Contracts: \$ 10.3 Million

Material Purchases: \$ 9.4 Million

Utilities: \$ 1.8 Million

Visitors: \$ 4.2 Million

Total: \$ 146.9 Million

Source: Norco Economic Development Department

City developing BRAC strategy

Daily Press - Victorville

Kelly Donovan

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CORONA BRAC DATA CALL OVERVIEW



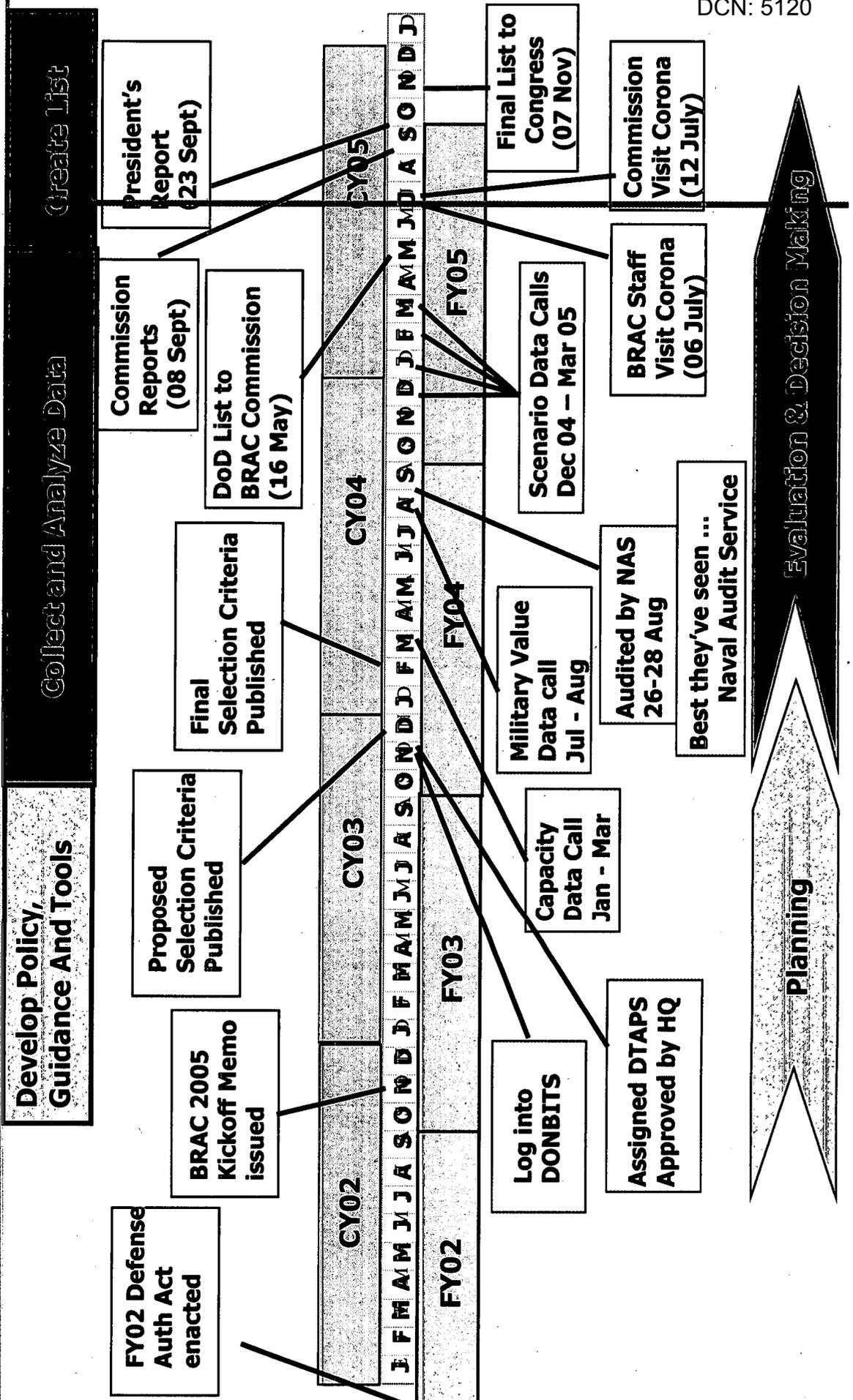
SUGGESTIONS FROM BRAC COMMISSION STAFF

DCN: 5120

- (1) Address military value**
- (2) Discuss Cobra if there are any numbers with which you take exceptions**
- (3) The scenario you responded to the closure of Corona and its movement to Ventura**
- (4) Any others worth discussing**



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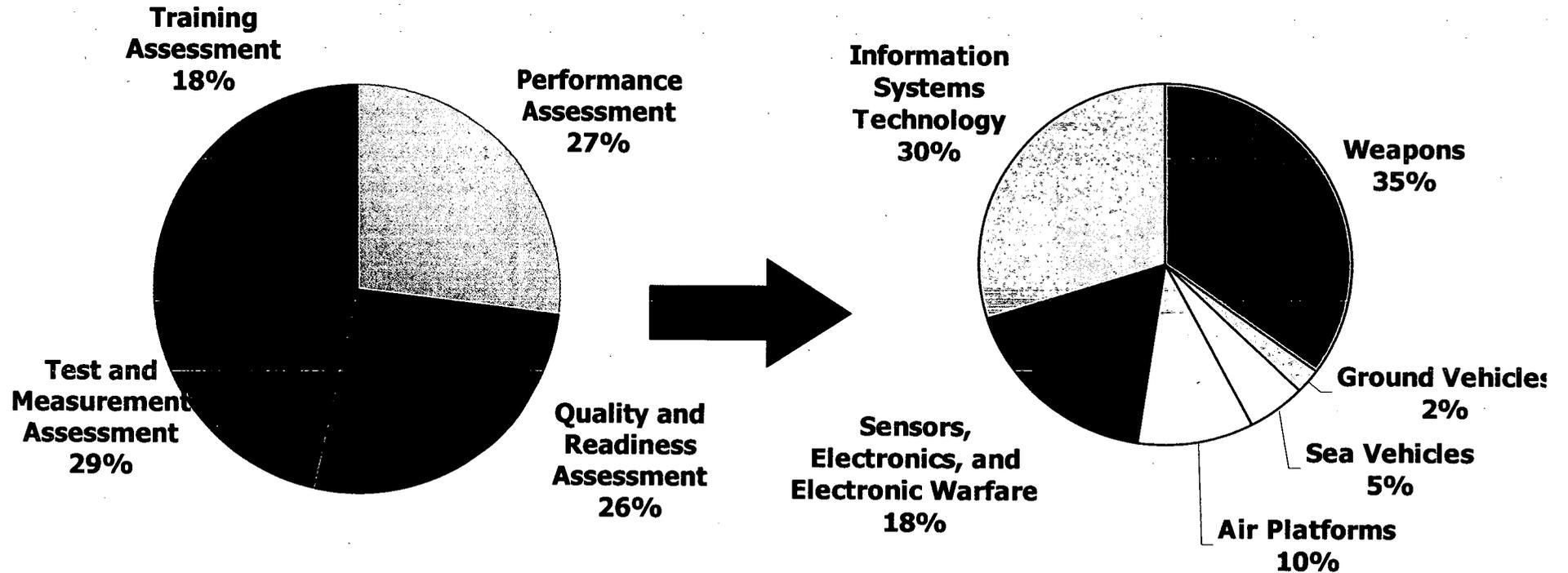




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TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES TO DTAP

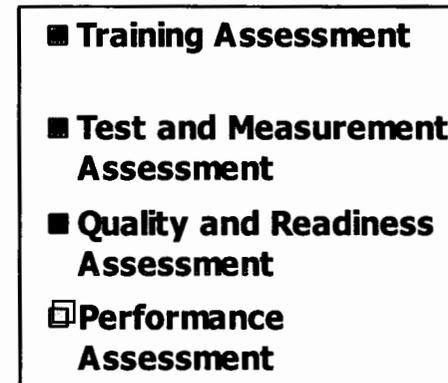
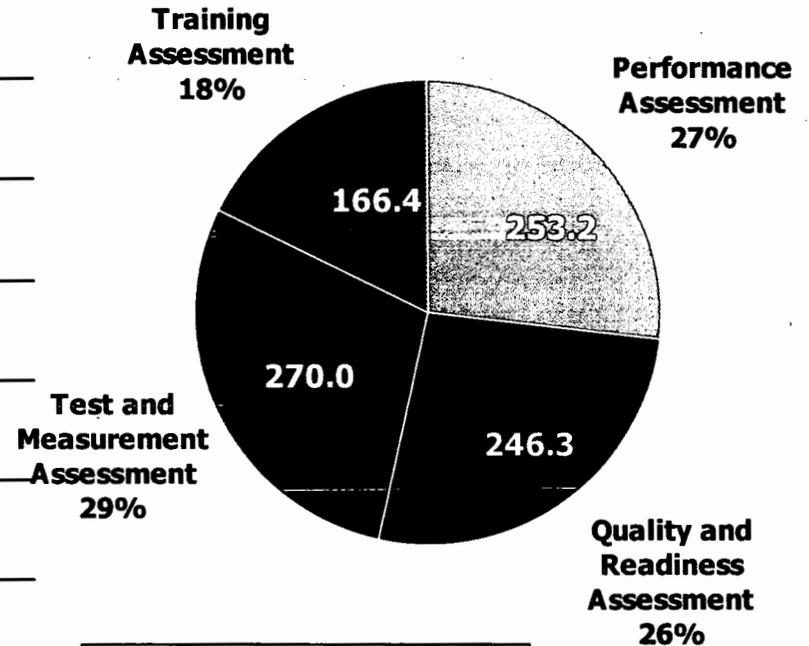
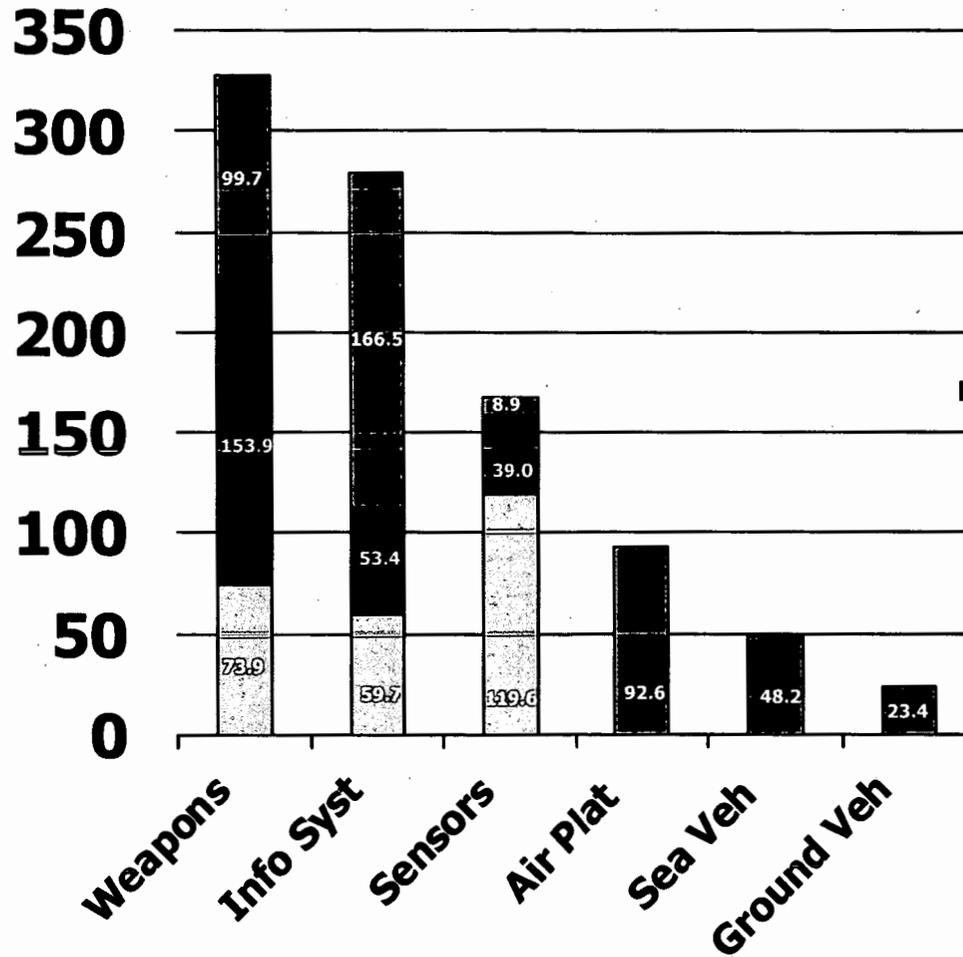
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<u>Technical Capabilities</u>	<u>W/Y</u>
Performance Assessment	253.2
Quality and Readiness Assessment	246.3
Test and Measurement Assessment	270.0
Training Assessment	<u>166.4</u>
Total	935.9

<u>DTAPs</u>	<u>W/Y</u>
Weapons	327.5
Grd Veh	20.5
Sea Veh	48.2
Air Platf	92.6
Sensors	167.5
Info Sys	<u>279.6</u>
Total	935.9

FTE BY DTAP AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES





NSWC CORONA MILITARY VALUE SCORE

Function	Corona FTEs FY03	Number of Activities	Corona MilVal Rank	Corona MilVal Score	Above Median ?	Rank Percentile
Air Platforms Development & Acquisition	26	67	10	0.1459	Yes	15%
Air Platforms Test & Evaluation	66.7	51	16	0.0698	Yes	31%
Ground Vehicles Development & Acquisition	0	25	9	0.1514	Yes	36%
Ground Vehicles Test & Evaluation	20.5	27	9	0.0708	Yes	33%
Information Systems Technology Development & Acquisition	202.3	105	17	0.2202	Yes	16%
Information Systems Technology Research	0	68	68	0.0420	No	
Information Systems Technology Test & Evaluation	77.4	72	16	0.2241	Yes	22%
Materials and Processes Test & Evaluation	0	44	17	0.1350	Yes	38%
Sea Vehicles Development & Acquisition	8	33	16	0.1383	Yes	48%
Sea Vehicles Test & Evaluation	40	33	12	0.0702	Yes	36%
Sensors, Electronics & EW Development & Acquisition	35.7	103	17	0.2520	Yes	16%
Sensors, Electronics & EW Test & Evaluation	131.8	72	14	0.2643	Yes	19%
Weapons Technology Development & Acquisition	201.8	78	21	0.1824	Yes	27%
Weapons Technology Test & Evaluation	125.7	70	19	0.0802	Yes	27%

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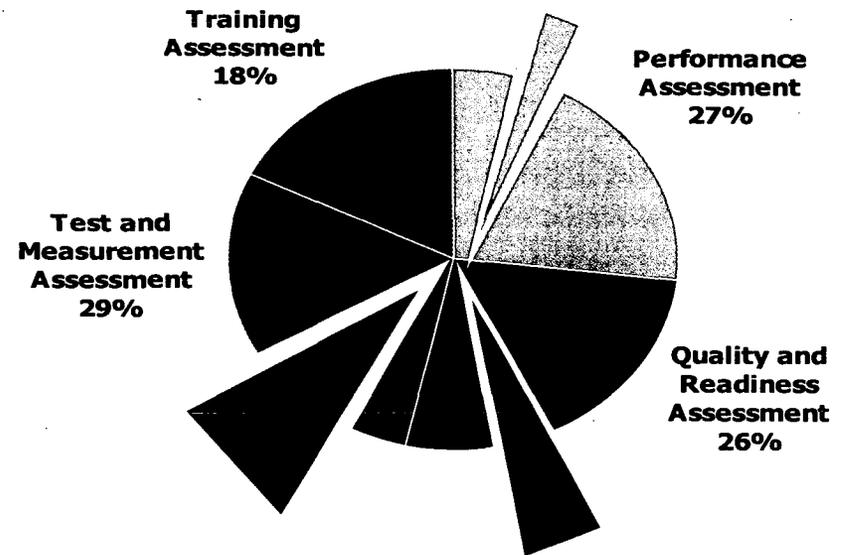
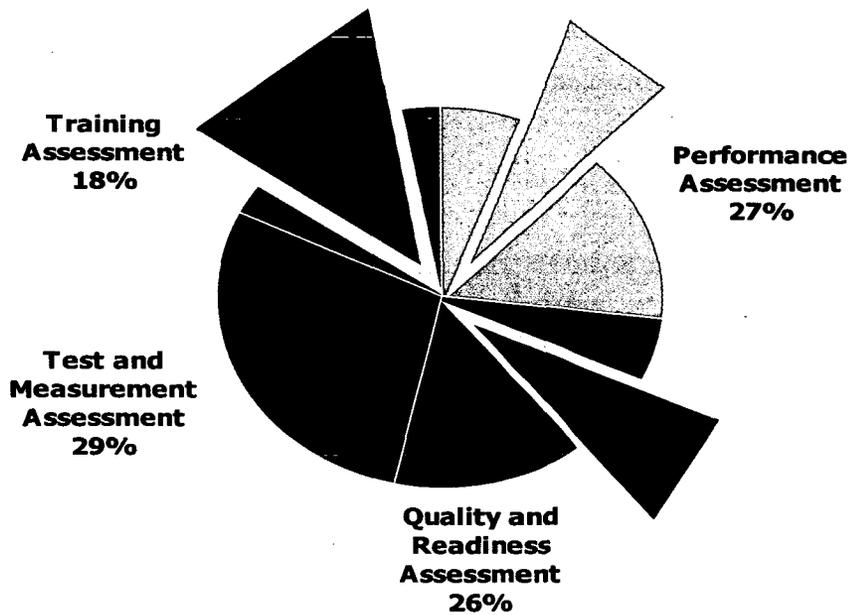
NSWC CORONA SPLIT SCENARIO DATA CALLS

Scenario No.	Corona Actions	Location
Tech 008A	Consolidate Sensors, Electronic, and Electronic Warfare work	NSWC DD, Dahlgren VA
Tech 008B	Consolidate Information Systems Technology work	SPAWAR, San Diego, CA
Tech 006	Consolidate Air Platform (Fixed Wing) work	NAVAIR, Patuxent River, MD
Tech 002C	Realign Weapons (other than weapons integration) work	China Lake, CA
Tech 002F	Realign Weapons (weapons integration) work	NSWC PH D, Port Hueneme CA
Tech 005	Consolidate Air Platform (Rotary Wing) work	NAVAIR, Patuxent River, MD
Tech 008E	Consolidate Sensors, Electronic, and Electronic Warfare (surface and air) work	NSWC DD, Dahlgren VA
Tech 008F	Consolidate Information Systems Technology (maritime) work	SPAWAR, San Diego, CA
Tech 008I	Consolidate Sensors, Electronic, and Electronic Warfare (subsurface) work	NUWC Newport, RI
DON 0161	Implement all scenarios above. Consolidate remaining functions with NSWC PHD	NSWC PHD, Port Hueneme, CA
DON 0161D	Relocate METCAL Lab functions only	Base X



SPLIT SCENARIO BREAKDOWN

Scenario	Performance Assessment	Quality Assessment	Test and Measurement Assessment	Training Assessment	Total
SDC 008A	6	0	0	0	6
SDC 008B	0	0	0	0	0
SCD 006	0	0	41	0	41
SDC 002C	19	39	96	0	154
SDC 002F	51	109	0	0	160
SDC 005	0	0	28	0	28
SDC 008E	106	29	8	0	143
SDC 008F	58	51	0	146	255
SDC 008I	0	6	0	0	6
SDC 161D	0	0	203	0	203



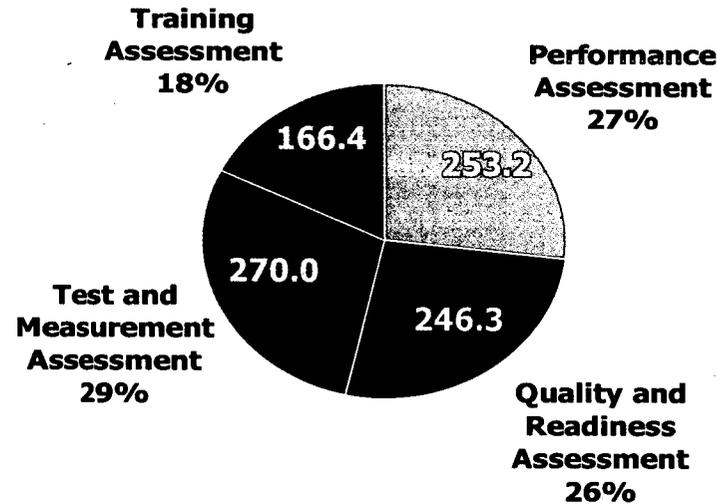
SDC 008F Info Systems

SDC 002C Weapons w/o Intg



NSWC CORONA TOTAL SCENARIO DATA CALL

Scenario No.	Corona Actions	Location
DON 0161A	Relocate all functions	NAVBASE VENTURA CTY (Port Hueneme) CA
DON 0161B	Relocate all functions	NAVBASE VENTURA CTY (Point Mugu)
DON 0161C	Relocate all functions	NAVAIRWPNSTA CHINA LAKE
Tech 0060	Relocate all functions	March Air Reserve Base





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SDC 161B DELTAS PROVIDED TO NSWC HQ

COBRA Model	Delta from Validated Data
TJCSG included as part of 710 lbs per person allocation	(200.3 tons) of mission support equipment
COBRA computation 317,760 sf Facility Requirements	(78,895 sf) of facility requirements
COBRA computation Refurb vs Milcon	No Milcon for JWAL No Milcon for MSTL
Missing in COBRA	IT cost (\$ 93.9K)

COBRA Model	Other Considerations
	\$306K termination cost of third party energy efficient contract
	\$45K for MSTL lab accreditation.
\$1,665K of BOS funding to support NSWC Corona ops at NAS Pt. Mugu	Additional \$889K of BOS cost required at NAS Pt Mugu



Summary

- **BREAK APART SCENARIOS REVERSE YEARS OF CONSOLIDATION OF ASSESSMENT DISCIPLINES AND LAB FUNCTIONS AT CORONA**
 - **WOULD DIMINISH/DESTROY THEIR CURRENT VALUE & EFFICIENCIES**
 - **INCREASES COSTS AND DUPLICATE FACILITIES**
- **INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT FUNCTION AT CORONA REQUIRES SEPARATION FROM THOSE PERFORMING SYSTEM DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, TEST ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE**
 - **MUST BE SEPARATE FROM PROGRAM COST AND SCHEDULE**
- **KEY RISKS TO MISSION EXECUTION FOR ANY RELOCATION CONSIDERED**
 - **INDEPENDENCE OF REPORTING AND MISSION EXECUTION MAINTAINED**
 - **FACILITIES MUST BE ADEQUATE TO PERFORM MISSION**
 - **WARFARE ASSESSMENT LABORATORY**
 - **MEASUREMENT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY**
 - **RISK OF LOSS OF KEY PERSONNEL**
 - **IMPACT TO MISSION EXECUTION WHILE RECONSTITUTING WORKFORCE**
 - **COST CONSIDERATIONS TO RETRAIN**
 - **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS CORRECT**
 - **DURING RELOCATION**
 - **POST RELOCATION**