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Dear Mr. Cirillo:

This letter responds to your question concerning the Technical Joint Cross Service Group recommendation "Create a Naval Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center," page Tech-15 of the Detailed Recommendations section on the Department of Defense BRAC Website. Your specific question follows.

Does the part of the sub-recommendation in [page] Tech 15 to "realign Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except underwater weapons and energetic materials, to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA" intend to refer to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach or should there be a technical correction and have it refer to Naval Surface Warfare Center detachment Seal Beach?

The proposed relocation refers to the weapons and armaments work reported by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head detachment Seal Beach, located on the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach. There is no need for a technical correction.

Thank you for the opportunity to address your question.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Cirillo:

This letter responds to your request for information concerning the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure recommendations. The specific request follows.

What type of work does the part of the sub-recommendation in Tech-15 "Realign Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except underwater weapons and energetic materials, to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA." refer to? Based on our questions, it appears that this work 1) is done by Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Indian Head, Seal Beach detachment not Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Seal Beach; and 2) is related to calibration and other types of work much of which is performed by Naval Support Activity (NSA) Corona and that it might be less costly to do so. Furthermore, if NSA Corona were not moved, this would also avoid the need to relocate equipment and personnel to China Lake. Is this correct? If so, please provide the Cost of Base Realignment and Closure Actions (COBRA) that shows 1) the costs if this work is performed at China Lake, the intended destination and 2) NSA Corona if NSA Corona is not moved to Point Mugu. If you believe that the personnel counts for this function would differ please explain.

The referenced scenario relocates Weapons and Armaments reported work from the NSWC Indian Head, Seal Beach detachment located at NWS Seal Beach to China Lake as part of the strategy to form integrated RDAT&E centers. The work done at Seal Beach appears to be non-site specific and primarily includes efforts such as in-service engineering/surveillance for Tomahawk re-entry vehicles, procurement of general purpose engineering test equipment, and depot maintenance of Automated Test Equipment. A small portion appears to be related to calibration of test equipment. Relocation includes an efficiency factor that assumes work could be combined with existing/similar work at the receiver site. The small amount of calibration work done at Seal Beach does not appear to make it a reasonable candidate for movement to Corona.

Due to the small numbers of personnel involved, a new COBRA run that would isolate a small piece of the scenario is not recommended and is not in concert with the integrated strategy of the scenario.



Thank you for the opportunity to address your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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