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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Validation of Data for Base Realignment and Closure 2005, Tobyhanna Army Depot (Project Code A-2003-IMT-0440.063), Audit Report: A-2004-0509-IMT

1. **Introduction.** The Director, The Army Basing Study Group asked us to validate data that the Study Group and six Joint Cross-Service Groups¹ will use for base realignment and closure (BRAC) 2005 analyses. This report summarizes the results of our validation efforts at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania. We will include these results in summary reports to the director and each applicable Joint Cross-Service Group, and in our overall report on the 2005 Army basing study process.

2. **Background**

a. **BRAC 2005 Effort.** The Secretary of Defense initiated BRAC 2005 on 15 November 2002. The Secretary of the Army established the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Infrastructure Analysis) to lead the Army's efforts to support BRAC 2005. The Deputy Assistant Secretary directs The Army Basing Study Group, an ad hoc, chartered organization that serves as the Army's single point of contact for planning and executing the Army's responsibilities in the development of BRAC 2005 recommendations. The Study Group will gather and analyze certified data to assess the capacity and military value of Army installations, evaluate base realignment and closure alternatives, and develop recommendations for BRAC 2005 on behalf of The Secretary of the Army. The BRAC 2005 process requires certification of all data from Army

¹ The Study Group didn't collect capacity data for a seventh group—the Intelligence Cross-Service Group. Accordingly, we will report data validation results for that group to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2.

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installations, industrial base sites and leased properties; Army corporate databases; and open sources. A flowchart of the 2005 Army basing study process is at the enclosure.

b. **Military Value Data Call.** Often referred to as data call no. 2, the military value data call was issued in phases as follows:

Phase	Question Categories	Issue Date	Certification Deadline
I	Army/Cost of Base Realignment Action Model	19 Apr 04	7 Jun 04
Ila	Medical*, Supply and Storage Activities*, and Community**	4 Jun 04	11 Aug 04
Ilb	Industrial*, Headquarters and Support Activities*	18 Jun 04	11 Aug 04
III	Education and Training*	9 Jul 04	25 Aug 04
IV	Technical*	21 Jul 04	8 Sep 04

* Joint Cross-Service Groups.

** BRAC 2005 Selection Criterion 7: Impact on Local Community.

3. Objectives, Scope and Methodology

a. **Objectives.** Our objectives were to determine if:

- Certified data provided to The Army Basing Study Group and Joint Cross-Service Groups was adequately supported with appropriate evidentiary matter.
- Certified data was accurate.
- BRAC 2005 management controls were in place and operating at installations.

b. **Scope.** Tobyhanna Army Depot received 429 questions during the military value data call. To answer our first 2 objectives, we validated responses to 49 judgmentally selected questions that the depot received. Here are the question population and our sample size for each phase:

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Phase	Question Population	Sample Size
I	35	19
IIa	89	16
IIb	267*	9
III	38	5
IV	0	0
Total	429	49

* The Industrial Group included 263 questions.

To answer the third objective, we evaluated BRAC 2005 controls related to installations.

c. **Methodology.** We conducted our review from July through September 2004 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, which include criteria on the adequacy and appropriateness of evidentiary matter, accuracy and management controls. We assessed the accuracy of installation answers using these specific criteria:

- For questions with a single answer and minimal support requirements, we didn't allow any margin for error except for answers reporting square footage.
- For questions with answers involving square footage, we defined significant errors as greater than 10 percent.
- For questions with multiple answers and single answers with voluminous supporting documentation, we allowed errors up to 25 percent in the samples we reviewed, provided the errors weren't significant (determined by auditor judgment except for answers reporting square footage).

We didn't rely on computer-generated data to validate responses from Army corporate databases, but instead validated the accuracy of the data by comparison with source documents or physical attributes. When practicable, we also validated installation responses from other databases in the same manner. For all other responses, we worked with the

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installation administrator to obtain the evidence needed to answer all three objectives.

4. **Results**

a. **Adequacy of Support.** All 49 responses we validated for Tobyhanna Army Depot were adequately supported with appropriate evidentiary matter.

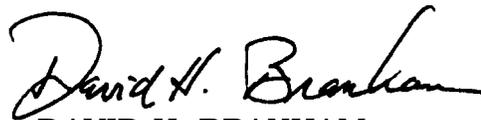
b. **Accuracy.** All 49 responses we validated were accurate.

c. **Management Controls.** In our opinion, appropriate management controls for BRAC 2005 were in place and operating at Tobyhanna Depot. The senior mission commander had certified the responses submitted to The Army Basing Study Group. All personnel required to sign nondisclosure statements had done so.

5. **Contacts.** This report isn't subject to the official command-reply process described in AR 36-2. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Carole Acornley at 410-278-5910 or Mr. Fred Lowenberg at 410-278-7403. Their e-mail addresses are Carole.Acornley@aaa.army.mil or Fred.Lowenberg@aaa.army.mil.

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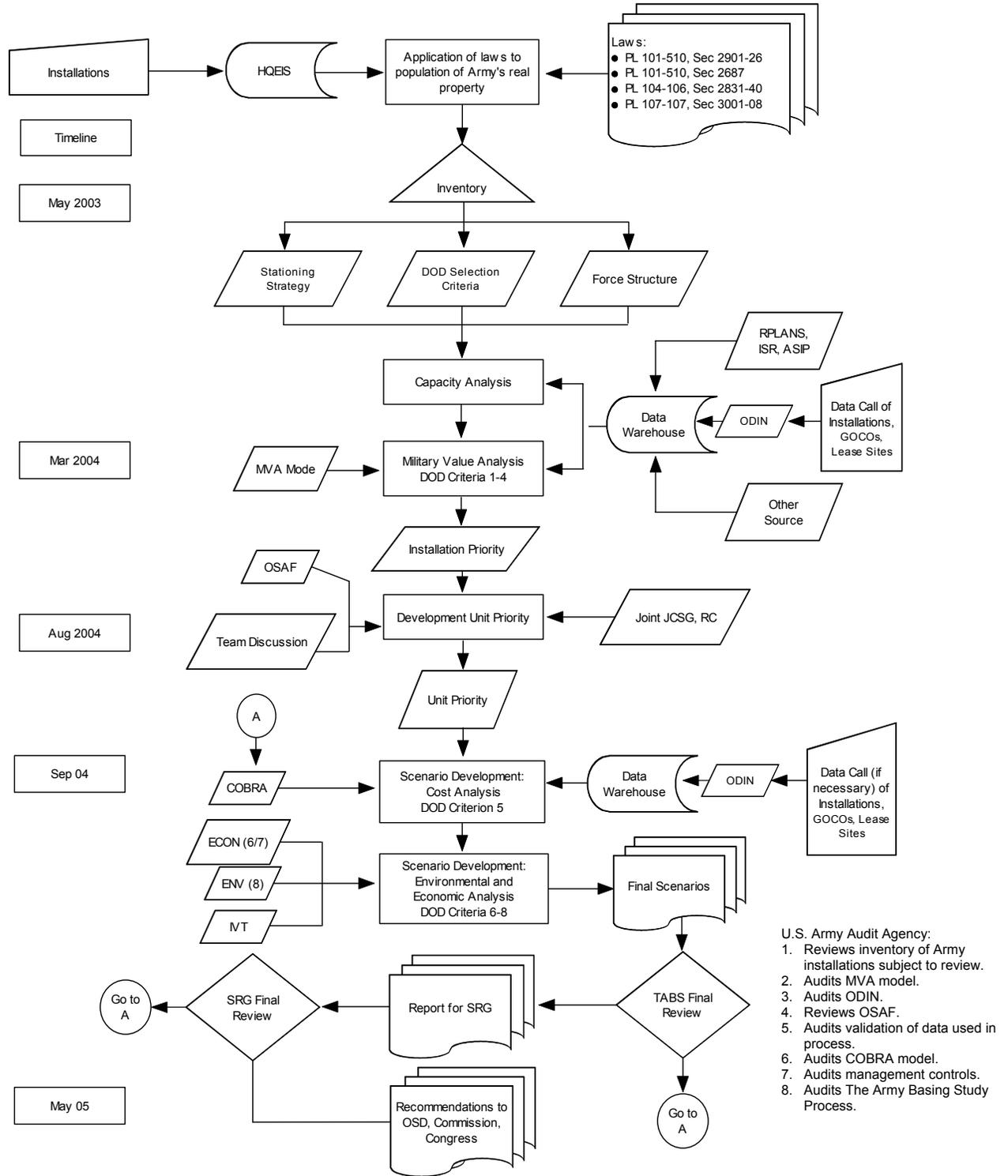
Acronyms and Abbreviations Used:

ASIP = Army Stationing and Installation Plan
 COBRA = Cost of Base Realignment Action Model
 ECON = Economic Model
 ENV = Environmental Model
 GOCO = Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated
 HQEIS = Headquarters Executive Information System

ISR = Installation Status Report
 IVT = Installation Visualization Tool
 JCSG = Joint Cross-Service Group
 MVA = Military Value Analyzer Model
 ODIN = Online Data Interface Collection
 OSAF = Optimal Stationing of Army Forces

OSD = Office of the Secretary of Defense
 PL = Public Law
 RC = Reserve Components
 RPLANS = Real Property Planning and Analysis System
 SRG = Senior Review Group

FLOWCHART OF 2005 ARMY BASING STUDY PROCESS



Enclosure