

2 August 2005

Inquiry Response

Re: BI-0182 (C0763FW)

Requester: Mr. Frank Cirillo (BRAC Commission Staff)

Question:

With respect to the recent news article listed below and specifically to text in red, please provide for us all data collected on this and other ANG bases affected by BRAC. Please note any differences from new data and data used as a basis for MCI calculations and DoD recommendations.

In addition, we request the impact of the Pave Paws, Phased Array Radar facility with regards to the recommendation, i.e. does any ongoing or post BRAC base operating support of this facility, by Otis, in anyway change the COBRA analysis or justification for the recommendation?

Answer:

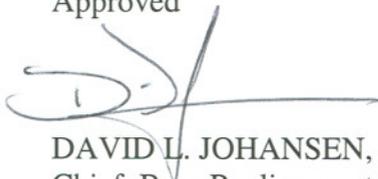
The Air Force did not send an audit team, or a site survey team to Otis Air National Guard Base during the week of 25-29 July to collect or verify facility data related to calculation of MCI ratings. The National Guard Bureau intended on sending a site survey team to Otis during that time. However, that visit was cancelled.

We are aware that the Air Force Audit Agency has teams in the field, to include Otis, auditing actions taken by installation commanders in light of the public release of BRAC recommendations on 13 May. This audit is not part of that Air Force BRAC process and will not have any impact on the data that was collected through WIDGET and used to calculate MCI ratings.

All MCI calculations are based on the certified data collected during Air Force data calls and resident in the WIDGET database. For Otis ANGB, there have been no changes to BRAC data since the data collection process.

Although Cape Cod AFS--an Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) geographically separated unit (GSU) located on the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR)--derives base operating support from Otis, HQ AFSPC indicates this support agreement could be reworked to obtain support elsewhere, such as from Hanscom AFB, MA. The 102d Fighter Wing at Otis provides specialized support such as Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) to both Cape Cod AFS and New Boston AFS, NH (another AFSPC GSU) that Hanscom AFB cannot, but this type of as-required support could also be provided from other locations. These changes in support have no operational impact on the PAVE PAWS mission at Cape Cod AFS. Post-BRAC BOS changes do not affect the COBRA analysis, nor the justification for this recommendation. In addition, Cape Cod AFS has a support agreement with the Coast Guard to provide Coast Guard-owned family housing at the MMR, but this should remain unaffected by the DoD recommendation.

Approved

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