

**Base Visit Report  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD  
20 June, 2005**

**Lead commissioner:**

No commissioner visited.

**Commission Staff:**

Dean Rhody (Senior Analyst, Army Team)

Wes Hood (Senior Analyst, Army Team)

**List of Attendees: (Broken down by session)**

**Garrison/Installation Overview Session:**

1. BG(P) Vincent E. Boles, Ordnance Center and School
2. COL Kevin M. Smith, Ordnance Center and School
3. Mr. David Guzewich, Army Environmental Center
4. Mr. Tim McNamara, APG Garrison
5. Ms. Judith Wettig, APG Garrison
6. Mr. David Carter, APG Garrison
7. Mr. Tim Brandenburg, APG Garrison
8. Ms. Linda Holloway, APG Garrison
9. Mr. Andrew Murphy, Garrison BRAC Team
10. Mr. Carl Smith, Garrison BRAC Team
11. Ms. Katie McRoberts, Garrison BRAC Team
12. Mr. Farrell E. Dreisbach, Jr., Garrison BRAC Team
13. Mr. Tom Vincenti, Garrison BRAC Team
14. Mr. Bill Richardson, Harford County, MD
15. Mr. Tom Sadowski, Harford County, MD
16. Ms. Kathy Abey, staff member of Representative Gilchrest
17. Mr. Walter Gonzales, staff member of Representative Ruppertsberger
18. Mr. Sean Kennedy, staff member of Senator Mikulski
19. Ms. Ellen James, staff member of Senator Mikulski
20. Ms. Brigid Smith, staff member of Senator Sarbanes
21. Mr. Jason Gleason, staff member of Senator Sarbanes

**Ordnance Center and School visit:**

1. BG Vincent Boles, CG, Ordnance Center & School
2. COL Kevin M. Smith, Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff
3. COL Frank Merritt, Commander 61<sup>st</sup> OD Bde
4. Dr Aileen Tobin, Deputy 61<sup>st</sup> OD Bde

5. Mrs. Carol Nye, Executive Assistant to the CG, USAOC&S
6. Mr Walter Gonzales, Deputy Chief of Staff to congressman Ruppertsburger
7. Mr Jason Gleason, Legislative Assistant to Senator Sarbanes
8. Ms Ellen Janes, Projects Director to Senator Mikulski

**Army Environmental Center visit:**

1. COL Tony Francis, Commander, USAEC
2. Mr. David Guzewich, USAEC
3. Mr. Keith Millison, USAEC
4. Mr. Andrew Murphy, APG Garrison PAIO
5. Dr. Ken Juris, USAEC
6. LTC Ben Tozzi, USAEC
7. Mr. Randy Cerar, USAEC
8. Mr. Robert E. DiMichele, USAEC
9. Mr. Sean Kennedy, staff of Senator Mikulski
10. Mr. Walter Gonzales, staff of Representative Ruppertsberger
11. Mr. Jason Gleason, staff of Senator Sarbanes

**Installation Mission:** DoD's Center of Excellence for Land Combat Systems supporting the Nation through efforts of 66 highly integrated resident organizations engaged in Research, Development and Engineering; Test, Evaluation and Analysis; Operations and Training on Land and Sea Systems, Warfighter Systems, Chemical and Biological Defense, and Homeland Security.

**Secretary of Defense Recommendations and Justifications:**

Aberdeen Proving Grounds is affected by the provisions of the ten recommendations listed below. See the appropriate sections of Department of Defense, Base Closure and Realignment Report, Volume I: Part 2 of 2, Detailed Recommendations, May 2005, for the complete text of all recommendations and justifications:

1. Army-11, Close Fort Monmouth, NJ
2. Education & Training-6, Combat Service Support Center
3. Headquarters & Support Activities-18, Consolidate Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) Headquarters
4. Headquarters & Support Activities-19, Consolidate Civilian Personnel Offices (CPOs) within each Military Department and the Defense Agencies
5. Headquarters & Support Activities-46, Relocate Army Headquarters and Field Operating Agencies
6. Medical-4, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD
7. Medical-6, Brooks City Base, TX
8. Medical-15, Joint Centers of Excellence for Chemical, Biological, and Medical Research and Development and Acquisition
9. Supply and Storage-7, Depot Level Repairable Procurement Management Consolidation

10. Technical-22, Defense Research Service Led Laboratories

**Installation gains:**

*Brooks City Base, TX (Med-6)* – Close Brooks. Relocate the Non-Medical Chemical Biological Defense Development and Acquisition to APG. (16 mil; 12 civ)

*Consolidate Army Test and Evaluation Command (H&SA-18)* – Move ATEC from leased space in Alexandria to APG. (169 mil; 193 civ)

*Consolidate Civilian Personnel Offices (H&SA-19)* – Realign Rock Island CPOC by relocating it to Ft Riley, KS, and APG. (106 civ)

*Defense Research Service Led Laboratories (Tech-22)* – Move the Vehicle Technology Directorates of Army Research Laboratory Langley, VA, and Army Research Laboratory Glenn, OH, to APG. Also move the Army Research Laboratory White Sands, NM (minus a minimum detachment required to maintain Test and Evaluation at White Sands), to APG. (14 mil; 214 civ)

*Depot Level Repairable (DLR) Procurement Management Consolidation (S&S-7)* – Relocate procurement management, integrated material management and related support functions for Depot Level Repairable from Ft Huachuca to APG. (228 civ)

*Close Ft Monmouth, NJ (USA-11)* – Relocate Information Systems, Sensors, Electronic Warfare, and Electronics Research and Development and Acquisition to APG. Additionally, relocate procurement management and related support functions for DLR to APG. (187 mil; 4853 civ)

Establish Joint Centers of Excellence for Chemical, Biological, and Medical Research, Development and Acquisition (Med-15) – Consolidate several chemical and biological defense research components into the Chemical Biological Center at APG. Components will come from Ft Belvoir (Defense Threat Reduction Agency), Tyndall AFB, Naval Surface Warfare Center (Dahlgren and Crane Divisions), and leased facilities in Falls Church. (33 mil; 256 civ)

Realign Walter Reed (Med-4) – In the move of Walter Reed, send the Medical Chemical Defense Research to APG. (12 mil; 13 civ)

**Installation Losses:**

Move the Ordnance Center and School (E&T-6) – Move the school to Ft Lee, VA. (-1039 mil; -343 civ; -2818 students)

Move the Army Environmental Center (H&SA-46) – Move the center to Ft Sam Houston, TX (-5 mil; -175 civ)

**Main facilities reviewed:**

This visit directly addressed recommendations USA-11, H&SA-46 and E&T-6. Other analysts have been asked to provide input to this report for their recommendations, as appropriate.

Mr. Hood reviewed the requirements of recommendation H&SA-46.

Mr Hood reviewed the Army Environmental Center facility.

Mr Rhody reviewed the Ordnance Center and School facilities, including Dickson, Cohen, Rozier, Slaughter and Downer Halls. The review included the Large Artifact Rehab Facility and the museum. The tour concluded at the Edgewood Area of APG.

**Key issues identified:**

All issues are implementation issues.

Sufficient space exists to accommodate all activities moving onto APG

Need to provide continuity of training during the transition phase of the move.

Handling of multiple large artifacts (historical combat vehicles), including a determination on the final disposition of the museum.

Sufficient power grid and feeds for heavy electrical use in training.

Sufficient stand-off room for noise and for explosive gases used in training.

Construction requirements must include exhaust systems for vehicle maintenance training and welding training, large free-span spaces with bay doors sufficient to handle the largest vehicle in the fleet. Buildings would also require multiple ton overhead lift capability in many training bays. Fuel storage and refrigerate storage must be provided for welding and air conditioning training.

Live fire site for convoy training.

**Community concerns raised:**

No issues were identified outside the post gates. Review of submissions from the local and state officials indicated strong support for the overall BRAC recommendations.

**Requests for staff as a result of the visit:**

None. Army Environmental Center, APG Garrison and Ordnance Center and School personnel all viewed the move as a challenge but were already beginning the work necessary to make all moves into and out of APG successful.

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