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Commissioner Skinner: *Sam,*

A couple of items for your consideration. I understand you will be revisiting two Sections of Chapter X. Technical Joint Cross Service Group Recommendations. Section 184. Create a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center (Tech 15), and Section 186. Create an Integrated Weapons & Armaments Specialty Site for Guns and Ammunition (Tech 19).

I would ask that you consider the attached recommended changes (denoted in red italics) as you consider clarifications to actions adopted yesterday, as well as incorporating the attached draft language in your final report.

We would appreciate whatever efforts you might be able to make to incorporate our recommended changes and the attached language into the BRAC proceedings.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and for your dedicated service.

  
Steny Hoyer

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**Chapter X. Technical Joint Cross Service Group Recommendations**

**Section 184. Create a Naval Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, Test & Evaluation Center (Tech 15)**

- a. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, IN**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except gun/ ammo, combat system security, and energetic materials to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.
- b. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head, MD**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except gun/ ammo, underwater weapons, *surface ship weapons simulation*, and energetic materials, to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.
- c. **Realign Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except the Program Executive Office and Program Management Offices in Naval Air Systems Command, to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.
- d. **Realign Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, CA**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.
- e. **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.
- f. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center, Yorktown, VA**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation to Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head, MD.
- g. **Realign Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, CA**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except weapon integration, to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.
- h. **Realign Fleet Combat Training Center, CA (Port Hueneme Detachment, San Diego, CA)**, by relocating all Weapons and Armaments weapon system integration Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation to Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren, VA.
- i. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren, VA**, by relocating all Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition, and Test & Evaluation, except guns/ ammo, *energetics*, and weapon systems integration to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA.

## Chapter X. Technical Joint Cross Service Group Recommendations

### **Section 186. Create an Integrated Weapons & Armaments Specialty Site for Guns and Ammunition (Tech 19)**

*(Includes amended revisions as of 8/25/05)*

- a. **Realign the Adelphi Laboratory Center, MD**, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.
- b. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Crane, IN**, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition, except energetics *and* Research and Development & Acquisition in support of special operations to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.
- c. **Realign the Fallbrook, CA**, detachment of Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Crane, IN, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.
- d. (removed by BRAC amendment (8/25/05))
- e. **Realign the Louisville, KY, detachment of Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Port Hueneme, CA**, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.
- f. **Realign Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Divisions China Lake, CA**, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition, except energetics to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.
- g. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Indian Head, MD**, by relocating gun and ammunition Research and Development & Acquisition, except energetics to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. ~~Consolidate Research and Development & Acquisition at Indian Head, MD, except Research and Development & Acquisition performed at China Lake.~~
- h. **Realign Naval Surface Warfare Center Division Earle, NJ**, by relocating guns and ammunition packaging Research and Development & Acquisition to Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.

## **SUGGESTED COMMISSIONER TALKING POINTS (Revised Amendment for Section 186)**

“Further efficiencies are likely from the consolidation of energetics work to Indian Head, MD, which is now designated as the DoD Energetics Center. Although combining the Army’s Energetics Research, Development & Acquisition and Test & Evaluation work at Indian Head was advisable, the BRAC was precluded from approving a realignment to Indian Head due to a technical issue.”

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### **DRAFT REPORT LANGUAGE**

The Commission found that the complexity of the task undertaken by the Joint Cross Service Group in transforming the infrastructure supporting Weapons and Armament RD&A, T&E and its sub-specialties was enormous and that their efforts should be applauded. However, it was also apparent that available time precluded adequately exploring some transformational infrastructure changes. Specifically, the Commission recommends DoD consider further consolidation of energetics at Indian Head MD, the DoD designated Center for Energetics. This could be accomplished without BRAC legislation as the small remaining energetics capabilities are below BRAC thresholds. This would be consistent with the model that industry has adopted over the past two decades due to significant increases in the cost of environmental compliance and diminishing DoD procurements. Further, consolidation of energetics at Indian Head would yield significant increases to efficiency, enable technical synergy and result in substantial savings, while eliminating unnecessary duplication.