

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission finds the DoD recommendations did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and final selection criteria. Therefore, the Commission recommends that DoD realign Depot Systems Command with the Systems Integration Management Activity to Rock Island and form the Industrial Operations Command. Additionally, it recommends that the Materiel Readiness Support Activity and the Logistics Control Agency be realigned at Redstone Arsenal as proposed. This proposal is a revision to the recommendations of the 1988 Base Closure Commission, which directed the Materiel Readiness Support Activity to relocate from Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot to Letterkenny.

Realign Army Laboratories (Lab21 Study), Adelphi and Aberdeen, Maryland

Category: Industrial-Commodity Oriented Installations

Mission: Research, Development and Testing

Cost to Realign: \$281.8 million

Savings: 1992-97: -\$106.0 million;

Annual: \$44.7 million

Payback: 4 years

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION

Establish the Combat Materiel Research Laboratory (CMRL) at Adelphi, Maryland. The Army Materiel Technology Laboratory (AMTL), now in Watertown, Massachusetts, should not be split among Detroit Arsenal, Michigan; Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey; and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Instead, realign the AMTL to Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. Collocate the Structures Element at NASA-Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia. This proposal is a revision to the

recommendations of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The community argued the Base Closure and Realignment Commission should wait for the recommendations on laboratory realignments from the Advisory Commission on Consolidation and Conversion of Defense Research and Development Laboratories. The latter Commission is an advisory group established by law to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on how to effectively reorganize the research and development structure. The community also argued portions of the realignment were not cost-effective and would adversely impact readiness.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission found the industrial-commodity oriented installations were treated equally. The Commission found that the DoD studies and Defense Management Report Decision regarding laboratory realignments were credible and rational. The Army reviewed ten scenarios for the realignment of the laboratories and this proposal was cost-effective. The realignment of the Army Materiel Technology Laboratory functions to a single site was determined to have operational and cost advantages over the triple-site option recommended by the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission finds DoD's recommendations did not deviate substantially from the force-structure plan and the criteria. The Commission recommends the closure of Harry Diamond Laboratory in Woodbridge, Virginia, and realignment of the laboratories to establish the Combat Materiel Technology

Laboratory at Adelphi and APG. The following specific realignments are included

- Move the Army Research Institute MANPRINT function from Alexandria, Virginia, to APG.
- Move the 6.1 and 6.2 materials elements from the Belvoir Research and Development Center, Virginia, to APG.
- Move the AMTL (less Structures Element) from Watertown, Massachusetts, to APG (change to the recommendations of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission).
- Move the AMTL Structures Element to the Army Aviation Aerostructures Directorate collocated at NASA-Langley Research Center and expand the mission at that site to form an Army Structures Directorate (change to the recommendations of the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission).
- Move the Directed Energy and Sensors Basic and Applied Research Element of the Center for Night Vision and Electro-Optics from Fort Belvoir to Adelphi.
- Move the Electronic Technology Device Laboratory from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to Adelphi.
- Move the Battlefield Environment Effects Element of the Atmospheric Science Laboratory from White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, to Adelphi.
- Collocate the Ground Vehicle Propulsion Basic and Applied Research Activity from Warren, Michigan, with the Army Aviation Propulsion Directorate at the NASA-Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

They will form the Army Propulsion Directorate.

- Move the Harry Diamond Laboratories Woodbridge Research Facility Element to CMRL in Adelphi and close/dispose of the Woodbridge, Virginia, facility.
- Move the Fuze Development and Production Mission (armament-related) from Harry Diamond Laboratories in Adelphi to Picatinny Arsenal.
- Move the Fuze Development and Production Mission (missile-related) from Harry Diamond Laboratories in Adelphi to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

The Secretary of Defense must defer implementation until January 1, 1992, in order to consider the recommendations and findings of the Advisory Commission on Consolidation and Conversion of Defense Research and Development Laboratories and consult with the appropriate congressional committees thereon.

Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois

***Category: Industrial-Commodity Oriented
Installations***

Mission: Production

Cost to Realign: \$65.2 million

Savings: 1992-97: -\$18.2 million;

Annual: \$38.8 million

Payback: 1 year

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION

Realign the Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command from Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, as part of the Defense Management Review's inventory control point consolidations.