



Results in Brief: Status of Training Vehicles for U.S. Ground Forces Deploying in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

What We Did

Our overall audit objective was to determine whether U.S. ground forces supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom were receiving the training necessary to meet operational requirements. Specifically for this project, we determined whether the training equipment at Combat Training Centers was sufficient for ground forces training in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

What We Found

Competing requirements for equipment in theater as well as units being reset for redeployment have created challenges for Combat Training Centers. The National Training Center and the Joint Readiness Training Center have encountered challenges in obtaining theater-specific equipment such as High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles for training. Despite these challenges, the Combat Training Centers have maintained equipment and have taken additional steps to make substitutions or have units bring their own equipment from home stations to ensure that levels of equipment were sufficient for training.

The Army has recognized issues with outdated equipment, and it has taken steps to modernize the prepositioned fleet of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles at the National Training Center and Joint Readiness Training Center. The Army completed modernization of the prepositioned fleet at the National Training Center in April 2008. To ensure the most realistic and effective training for units deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Army must complete the

modernization of the prepositioned fleet at the Joint Readiness Training Center as it has done at the National Training Center.

What We Recommend

We recommend that the Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, in coordination with the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, obtain and deliver the remaining up-armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles to the Joint Readiness Training Center to ensure the fleet of prepositioned vehicles is modernized for units training to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Client Comments and Our Response

The Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Forces Command concurred with our recommendation and asked for clarification. Based on these comments, we revised our recommendation to appropriately reflect the responsibilities of the Army organizations and to clarify the actions needed. Although not required to comment, the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, also concurred with the recommendation. We do not require any additional comments.



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