

less serious over time depending on how and when DOD chooses to address it. I would like to discuss some of the major issues we have found in our reviews this past year. Attachment I identifies the systems we examined and the issues discussed in each report.

We identified six programs that have operational or performance limitations which questions the capability of the system to function as designed or expected in its threat environment. For example, we reported that the Wide Area Anti-armor Cluster Munition will not give the Air Force the capability it needs, will not perform as required, and is little or no better than munitions in the existing inventory.

Hand in hand with the operational or performance limitations is the question of operational requirements--those approved characteristics considered necessary for the system to meet a needed capability. These requirements are often modified or changed as directed by development results, changes in the environment, threat, and so forth. We have questioned some aspects of the operational requirements in six of our reviews. For example, we reported that: