

Overview of Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) Results

1. **Background:** On 22 September 1994, Secretary of Defense William Perry announced results of the year-long NPR.
2. **Key Points:**
 - NPR reaffirmed the continuing importance of nuclear deterrence and supported the concept of the nuclear Triad.
 - US nuclear posture must help shape the future by: creating world in which role of nuclear weapons reduced, stemming proliferation, preserving options (hedge) if reform fails in Russia, and maintaining good stewardship. "Difficult but vital challenge for US posture is to both lead and hedge."
 - **Nuclear Force Structure (post-START II implementation--2003):**
 - SSBNs: 14 SSBNs (retire 4) all with Trident II D-5 missiles. Retain two bases at Kings Bay and Bangor.
 - Bombers:
 - 66 (TAI) B-52s, reduced from 94 planned a year ago.
 - No more than 20 B-2s required for nuclear mission.
 - All B-1s reoriented to conventional role.
 - ICBMs: Maintain 3 wings of single-warhead Minuteman III ICBMs (500/450 missiles).
 - **Non-Strategic Nuclear Forces (NSNF):**
 - USAF Dual Capable Aircraft (DCA): Maintain Alliance commitment of NSNF support, and maintain current DCA strength in CONUS and Europe.
 - USN DCA and nuclear TOMAHAWK cruise missiles (TLAM/N): Eliminate carrier and surface ship nuclear weapons capability, but maintain SSN TLAM/N capabilities.
 - **Nuclear Safety, Security, and Use Control:**
 - Upgrade coded control device (CCD) components on the B-52 and Minuteman III.
 - Retire Minuteman W-62 warhead.
 - Optimize number of accident/incident teams.
 - Continue implementation of FARR recommendations by seeking alternatives for those recommendations that testing moratorium may preclude.
 - Complete Trident CCD in 1997 (means system-level CCDs or PALs will be on all US nuclear weapons by 1997).
 - **Infrastructure Requirements:**
 - Replace guidance system and re-motor Minuteman III.
 - Continue D-5 production past 1995 to maintain missile industrial base.
 - Fund sustainment of guidance systems and maintain reentry vehicle industrial base.

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- **Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence Operations**

- Continue adjustments to post-Cold War alert/operational requirements.
- Support selected C3I programs for assured NCA survivability and continuity (restructured Milstar, VLF communications upgrade, TW/AA and connectivity for ALARM, and TACAMO upgrade).

- **Threat Reduction and Proliferation**

- Support Cooperative Threat Reduction (Nunn-Lugar) program to promote steps to prevent unauthorized/accidental use or diversion of weapons or materials from/within the former Soviet Union.
- Support counterproliferation initiative to provide conventional responses to use of WMD in regional conflict.

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