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Military Value:

- Recommendation substantially deviates from criteria # 1 by failing to accurately measure impact of consolidation of B-1 aircraft at a single base.

DoD failed to assess negative impact on warfighting, training and overall readiness of the B-1 fleet operating from a consolidated base.

DoD failed to assess potential for congestion and diminished efficiency of consolidated operational infrastructure and its impact on readiness; training time/space; use of airspace; air traffic control; use of runway; range availability and maintenance support.

DoD failed to compare readiness ratings of Ellsworth & Dyess B-1 squadrons and aircrews and assess probable readiness ratings when operating in a consolidated mode.

DoD failed to assess whether the operational squadrons and aircrews would experience a proportional reduction of training/ range time; flight time; and simulator time.

DoD failed to assess increased threat to high-value B-1 fleet from consolidation at a single base. DoD failed to include DTRA evaluations in their assessments/modeling. DoD failed to consider not only conventional threats against the aircraft but threats of terrorist attacks using CBW weapons against aircrew and family housing. DoD failed to consider risk to consolidated operations from simple viral epidemics.