

Navajo stores and demilitarizes conventional ammunition. It also operates a reserve-storage depot, which provides care, preservation, minor maintenance, and limited receiving and shipping of assigned commodities. The ammunition and supply functions can be more effectively managed at less cost at another location. No significant environmental problems exist at the Depot.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends relocating the ammunition-mission stocks, equipment, and personnel to Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant, Nevada.

Fort Wingate Ammunition Storage Depot, New Mexico

The Commission recommends Fort Wingate for closure. Its military value is lower than the other installations in the same category, primarily because Fort Wingate is a small, single-mission facility. Its mission can be relocated. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within one year. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$5.2 million.

Fort Wingate ships, receives, renovates, and stores ammunition and components and is responsible for the disposition of unserviceable ammunition.

Sufficient storage capacity is available at other depots to accept the ammunition mission from Fort Wingate. This realignment will eliminate current excess capacity and equipment problems.

Closure of Fort Wingate will require the cleanup of environmental hazards before the facility can be considered for

unrestricted land use. The major environmental problems are asbestos and contaminated sites. Cleanup of these sites is covered by the Defense Environmental Restoration Program. Cleanup is independent of the closure. Potential issues also exist with the archaeological sites at the installation.

The closure will have minimal impact on local employment.

The Commission recommends that the activities at Fort Wingate be relocated to Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plant, Nevada.

Lexington - Bluegrass Army Depot, Kentucky

The Commission recommends closure of the Lexington portion of the Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot. The military value of this installation is lower than others in the same category, primarily due to the condition of facilities and to limited storage capacity. The Bluegrass Storage facility, however, has higher military value. The net cost of closure and relocation will be paid back within six years. The Commission expects annual savings to be \$6.7 million.

The Lexington - Bluegrass Army Depot consists of two separate facilities, one Located in Lexington, which is the headquarters for the complex, and the other an ammunition storage facility (Bluegrass) at Richmond, Kentucky. The Lexington facility also performs the overhaul of communications security equipment and assembles communications -electronics materiel.

Consolidation of the communications-electronics maintenance function from