

MRE STUDY FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) War Reserve Study for DLA Troop Support (TS).

BACKGROUND:

- December 2012 Troop Support requested review of optimum level of MRE War Reserve:
 - That supports worst case contingency requirements.
 - Promotes being good stewards of government funds.
 - Maintains a warm industrial base.
- Previous studies conducted in 2003 and 2007.
- Current Congressional mandate to TS:
 - Maintain 5M cases in MRE War Reserve Stock (since Fiscal Year 2005).
- MRE War Reserve consists of:
 - Pre-Positioned War Reserve (PWR) of 1.9M cases designated for the services.
 - Other War Reserve (OWR) of 3.1M cases available for general use.

DISCUSSION:

- Reviewed following data and compared with industry capabilities:
 - Demanding contingency requirements using 1 PACOM vetted MTW plan and real world data from OIF.
 - Demand data over past 3 fiscal years.
- Findings of study:
 - Between 3.5-4.0M cases of MRE War Reserve were sufficient.
 - Potential cost avoidance savings of up to \$60M over a 5 year period.
- First draft of brief forwarded to DLA Troop Support March 2013.
- Troop Support requested industry participation in the process:
 - Held two meetings in April and June 2013.
 - Industry did not support findings of the study.
- Final study sent to TS in late June 2013.
- First meeting between TS, DORRA and DLA Director held 06 July 2013.
 - Director saw potential opportunity to save money and reduce inventory/disposals but requested additional feedback.
- Second meeting between TS, DORRA and DLA Director held 06 August 2013.
 - Decision was to maintain current MRE War Reserve levels.
 - Revisit the matter within the next few years.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

Attachment: N/A