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Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal

The committee has been closely monitoring proposed changes to the Army's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) force structure and proponentcy. The committee recognizes the importance of the Army EOD force as a unique and highly technical enabler in meeting combatant commander operational requirements and force presence for counterterrorism and irregular warfare, defense support of civilian law enforcement authorities, and support to major operations and in contingency scenarios. The committee remains concerned that the Army has not clearly identified future capacity and capability requirements for its EOD force and may eliminate too much of its EOD capacity without making needed investments in EOD capabilities to meet the enduring needs of combatant commanders. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 1, 2015, on the Army's EOD force. At a minimum, the briefing shall include:

(1) Any proposed changes to EOD force structure planned over the Future Years Defense Plan, including any costs, efficiencies, or cost avoidance to include the active and reserve components;

(2) An assessment of demand for Army EOD capabilities over the past 5 years, including by geographic combatant commanders, for national security special events, and in support of civilian law enforcement agencies;

(3) A list of Army EOD systems program(s) of record, and EOD program elements and levels of funding for the Army's unique requirements for EOD in research, development, test and evaluation; operation and maintenance; and procurement over the Future Years Defense Plan; and

(4) A cost-benefit analysis on any proposed realignment or relocation of EOD organization, force structure, training, and branch proponentcy.
