



FACT SHEET

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



AIR FORCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CENTER, INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS DIRECTORATE



The Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Systems Directorate is responsible for inception-to-retirement, integrated weapons system management of Minuteman weapon systems. The Directorate develops, acquires and supports silo-based ICBMs and provides program direction and logistics support as the single face to the customer. The Directorate is also responsible for acquisition, systems engineering, and depot repair. They manage equipment spares, provide storage and transportation, and accomplish modifications and equipment replacement to sustain silo-based ICBM systems.

The Directorate is comprised of the ICBM Ground Systems Division (NIA), ICBM Flight Systems Division (NIB), ICBM Future Systems Division (NIC) and other supporting offices.

The Little Mountain Test Facility is a state-of-the-art test facility, Air Force Materiel Command laboratory dedicated to simulation testing of nuclear hardness, survivability, reliability and electromagnetic compatibility of defense systems. Center test laboratories simulate environments for nuclear radiation, air blast, shock and vibration, electromagnetic pulse, electromagnetic interference, and compatibility testing. The 1,000-acre facility is located 15 miles west of Ogden on 12th Street, near the Great Salt Lake. It is owned by the Air Force and operated in conjunction with defense contractors.

The Strategic Missile Integration Complex is the ICBM System Directorate's test facility for performing system-level testing and integration. It is comprised of fully configured Minuteman launch facilities and launch control facilities with a host of unique test stations and instrumentation. Modifications to the weapon system are checked out at the complex prior to being fielded at operational units.

The Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) is located 50 miles west of the base on 2,675 square miles of land. The Oasis Compound and its adjacent Missile Storage Area are located on the northeastern portion of the UTTR. The range is a primary test site for advanced strategic weapons systems. It is used for testing munitions and propellants up to the most powerful ICBM rocket motors. The Oasis Compound is also the site where missile motors are destroyed under the START I Treaty.

The ICBM Systems Directorate is a proud AFMC organization which reports directly to the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

The ICBM Systems Directorate (NI) is located at Hill AFB, UT and is responsible for acquisition and modernization excellence to sustain the current deployed Minuteman III force. As the single face to the customer, the Directorate is responsible for a \$7 billion Future Year Defense Program portfolio supporting the acquisition, systems engineering, depot repair and modernization required to sustain the Nation's silo-based ICBM fleet. The Directorate delivers on time, on-budget execution of 33 official programs valued at approximately \$22 billion by applying sound life cycle logistics principles, skills, and tools. The ICBM Systems Directorate sustains a superior nuclear workforce by consolidating and maintaining a critical skills balance of program management, engineering, flight test, nuclear safety and nuclear surety experience.