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>Mr Bowling,

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>I apologize this is late, both Mr Hall and I have been on
>travel and I had a
>few sick days with kidney stones.

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>Engineering Comments:

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> 1. There should be a joint overall oversight of the
>effort between
>the

>user community and the research/acquisition community. This
>should be at
>a level to avoid interservice issues.

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> 2. All services need to quantify the full potential for risk:

>Number

>of installed systems involved, mission impact of the systems,
>potential cost
>of

>fix using currently available options, acceptability of using currently
>available options from a operational/effectiveness perspective,
>acceptability of using currently available options from a management
>perspective.

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> 3. Reexamine testing requirements both for initial
>acceptance and

>re-occurring maintenance, test & inspection. Survey to
>determine number
>of test actually performed and actual problem identified.

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>Operations Comments:

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>> 1. The effort must have a single focal point as the
>>lead (AF or USN is not my issue - but it seems that if the USN is the
>>keeper of the spec, then they should lead any potential R&D effort).
>>The AF certainly has the facilities and can share in testing. Use a
>>CREDA as an avenue for R&D. All services, agencies, should share
>>costs.

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>> 2. All services need to reevaluate training programs
>>for absolute necessity, if they do not have compliant fire training
>>areas. For the AF we still use AFFF at the following JP-8 compliant
>>fire training areas: DM, Dyess, Ellsworth, Mt Home, Robins (scheduled
>>for conversion), FE Warren, Thule, and Silver Flag
>(Tyndall/AFRL). All
>>others are LPG or planned for construction.

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>> 3. The fact that Protein Foam is not as effective, nor

>>possess the qualities in fire fighting as AFFF, makes it a
>>Non-Consideration as a replacement candidate. Additionally, the
>>addition of vehicles and people to the fleet is an intensive \$\$\$
>>outlay.
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>> 4. Conduct a survey determine availability of ON THE
>>SHELF at DLA and fire stations.
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>> 5. Have DLA provide the status of DEMAND LEVELS for the
>>last 3-5 years to average out consumption: this may serve as
>a baseline
>>for future inventory/consumption controls.
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