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1. TITLE

AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (NSAR)

2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

DI-NUOR-81405

3. DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE

3.1 This report is a comprehensive assessment of the safety design features and operational procedures of a nuclear weapon component, assembly, or system. The analyses performed and presented in the NSAR detail the weapon system compliance with the Department of Defense (DOD) nuclear weapon system safety standards.

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4. APPROVAL DATE
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5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR)

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6a. DTIC APPLICABLE

6b. GIDEP APPLICABLE

7. APPLICATION/INTERRELATIONSHIP

7.1 This Data Item Description (DID) contains the format and content preparation instructions for data resulting from the work task described by 90.3 and 90.4 of MIL-STD-1822.

7.2 This DID is related to DI-NUOR-81409, Nuclear Certification Plan.

7.3 This DID supersedes DI-R-3532A, Nuclear Safety Analysis Plan and Report.

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8. APPROVAL LIMITATION

9a. APPLICABLE FORMS

9b. AMSC NUMBER

F7042

10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Reference documents. The applicable issue of the documents cited herein, including their approval dates and dates of any applicable amendments, notices, and revisions, shall be as specified in the contract.

10.2 Format. Contractor format is acceptable.

10.3 Content. The content of the report shall be as defined below:

10.3.1 Aircraft nuclear weapon system overview - This section shall include a description of the overall nuclear system, its component parts, and the functional operation of each.

10.3.2 The aircraft system's avionics nuclear configuration - This section shall be divided into multiple subsections:

10.3.2.1 Weapons control and monitor functions - This subsection describes the initialization of the avionics system at power-up, and the initialization procedures for the Stores Management System (SMS) and the Weapons Interface Unit(s) (WIU). The critical functions (authorization, prearming, unlock, release or launching) shall be described in this subsection as they are implemented from the operator's input to the arrival of the signal (information or power) at the weapon interface. The final description in this subsection is the power down sequence operation from the operator's input to verification that the weapons are in a safe state.

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11. DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT

DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

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Block 3, Description/Purpose (Continued)

The NSAR is a primary source of input to the nuclear safety certification process of weapon systems which ensures maximum safety consistent with operational requirements.

Block 7, Application/Interrelationship (Continued)

7.4 Copies of the Stockpile-to-Target Sequence (STS) can be obtained from:

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10.3.2.2 Avionics description and function - This subsection gives a detailed definition of the avionics processors involved in: the control and display of information to the aircrew, the acceptance of operator inputs related to nuclear weapons, and the control and monitor of critical functions. The description shall include both the processor hardware and the avionics processor software in the nuclear weapons delivery subsystems.

10.3.2.3 Electrical power control and distribution - This subsection describes the aircraft's power and control subsystem, how it is routed through individual devices, the command sequences used to turn power on and off to the weapon assemblies (like the common strategic rotary launcher or weapons mounted on multiple ejector racks) and individual weapons (both for internal and external aircraft carriage), and the type of power control used in the event of weapon or stores management malfunctions.

10.3.2.4 On-board aircraft monitor and test systems - This subsection describes the operations and level of control over the aircraft's avionics systems, for all on-board test equipment that monitors or directly interfaces to on-board avionics for the purpose of logging equipment failures for maintenance actions or displaying equipment failures or faults to the aircrew.

10.3.2.5 Avionics software - This subsection describes the detailed functional operation of all processor software configuration items that directly control weapons interface components or process information to or from the aircrew (i.e., controls and displays, power control, and weapon delivery or stores management).

10.3.2.6 Fault detection and reporting - This subsection specifically relates the compliance of the aircraft's weapon delivery subsystem to the fault conditions which include: uncommanded unlock, uncommanded prearm, uncommanded release, and safe status of a nuclear weapon that cannot be positively determined. This subsection describes the detection of the faults, the conditions for displaying the faults as a nuclear caution, and the conditions or methods of displaying them to the aircrew.

10.3.2.7 Operational mode control - This subsection describes the operational modes that the avionics software has for the delivery of nuclear weapons (i.e., operational modes, simulation of operational modes, operational test launch, and joint test assembly modes).

10.3.2.8 Targeting - This subsection describes the method of getting target information to the nuclear weapon and the sequence involved in the information transfer for each nuclear weapon type certified for carriage on the aircraft system.

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10.3.3 Nuclear munitions/suspension and release equipment - This section shall describe and analyze the test results on the suspension and release equipment employed in using nuclear munitions on the aircraft system. The nuclear munitions that will be carried and released from the aircraft system will be included in this section.

10.3.4 Avionics maintenance - This section shall describe the aircraft system's on and off aircraft maintenance concepts including the use of automatic test equipment. Test equipment shall be described in detail sufficient to understand their impact on safe nuclear munitions maintenance as part of the overall nuclear certification of the aircraft.

10.3.5 Mechanical and electrical support equipment - This section shall describe the mechanical and electrical support equipment that will be used to maintain, repair, load, transport and deliver weapons, and test the aircraft's nuclear weapon delivery system. Each piece of support equipment will be analyzed, in this section, for its particular role in the nuclear weapon delivery system. Applicable nuclear safety certification support documentation shall be referenced for government furnished or standard support equipment utilized with the weapon delivery system.

10.3.6 Technical orders - This section shall describe how technical orders relating to the control, monitoring, delivery, maintenance, handling, movement, loading, and testing of nuclear weapons for the aircraft's weapon delivery system were prepared, validated, verified and certified. The technical orders that have received nuclear safety reviews shall be listed in a table in this section.

10.3.7 Avionics software analysis - This section shall analyze the aircraft system's avionics software (this software is defined in the avionics software subsection of the aircraft system's avionics nuclear configuration defined under section 10.3.2 of this DID) to insure that the software used to control the critical functions and irreversible functions of nuclear weapons incorporates the necessary safety requirements. This section shall reference the design requirements documentation that relates to the aircraft's weapon delivery system to define the avionics software that will undergo certification.

10.3.8 Integrated functional analysis - This section shall provide an analysis of the design and operation of the aircraft's nuclear weapon delivery system compared to the nuclear safety criteria. The results of the analysis shall determine the effectiveness of nuclear safety provisions and insure that a nuclear weapon is either in a known safe state or returns to a known safe state, in the advent of system failures. The analysis shall include an end-to-end functional analysis that uses worst case problems to verify the weapon system can return the nuclear weapon to a safe state unless an abnormal environment occurs. The analysis shall also cover the critical functions in the weapon delivery system; and the ability of the suspension and release equipment, the ground support equipment, and the on aircraft and off aircraft test equipment to handle nuclear weapons safely.

10.3.9 Nuclear safety summary - This section shall cover the following areas:

a. Compliance of the aircraft and its weapon delivery system with the DOD nuclear weapon system safety standards and the specific Air Force nuclear safety design criteria.

b. The contribution of system safety features in controlling nuclear consent or critical events during the Stockpile-to-Target Sequence (STS) to comply with the DOD nuclear weapon system safety standards. The STS defines the logistic and employment concepts and related detailed physical environments involved in the delivery of a nuclear weapon from the stockpile to the target.

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- c. A summary of implementation techniques used to provide nuclear safety design features.
- d. A summary of aircraft avionics testing relevant to nuclear safety.
- e. Concerns, conclusion, and recommendation sections.
- f. A summary of the aircraft weapon system's safety features.
- g. A critical function matrix which shows the system design features that inhibit the unauthorized or inadvertent initiation of critical functions; a simple X-Y matrix with the STS events on one side and the nuclear safety events on the other side. The matrix will define whether the function is implemented in hardware or software.