



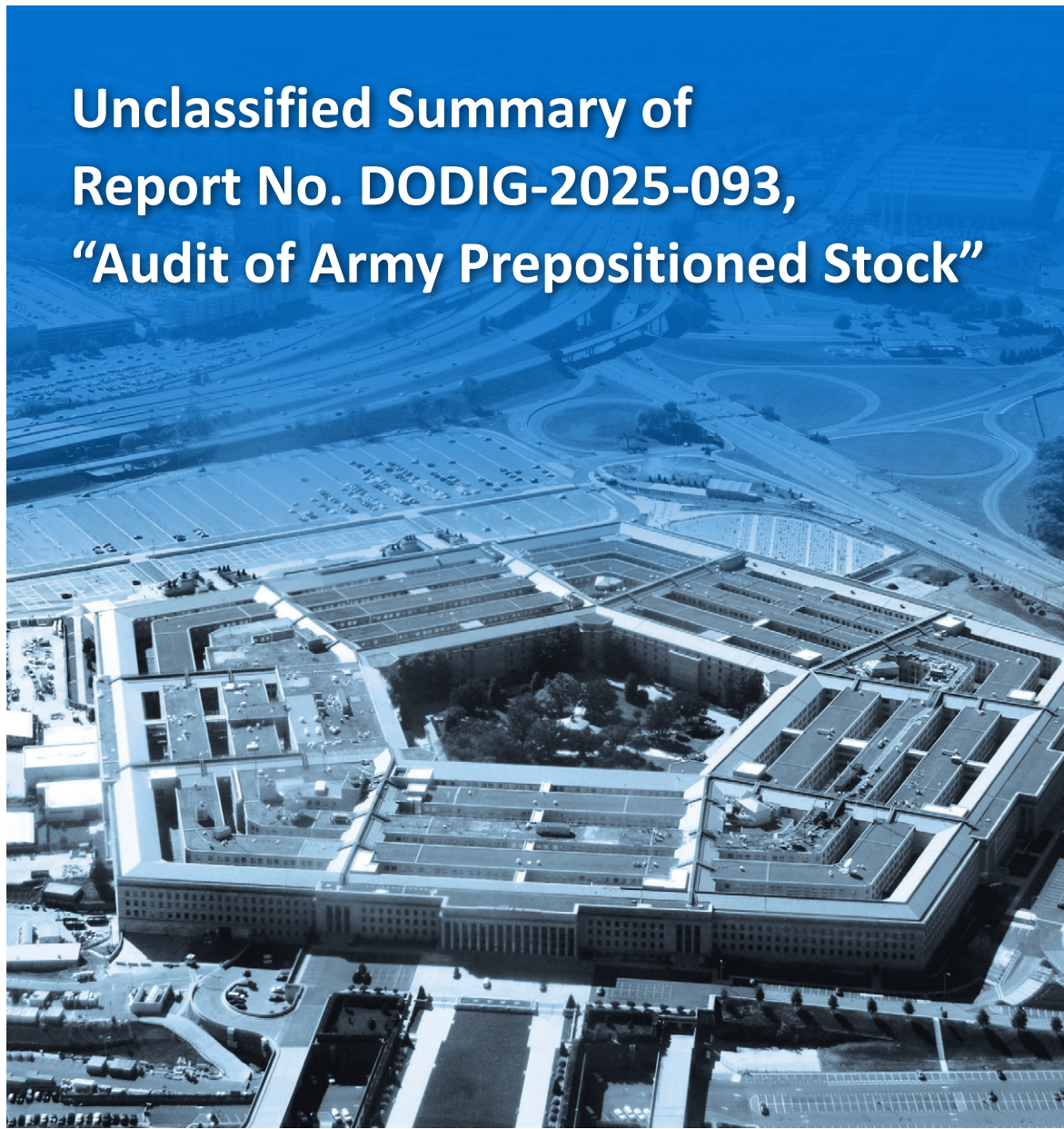
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Unclassified Summary of Report No. DODIG-2025-093, “Audit of Army Prepositioned Stock”



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On May 6, 2025, the DoD Office of Inspector General issued audit report DODIG-2025-093, "Audit of Army Prepositioned Stock." Due to the extent of the controlled unclassified information contained in the original audit report, it was not released publicly. In the interest of transparency, we prepared this summary report to release some unclassified information identified during the audit. We continue to coordinate with the Army to determine whether we can publicly release more information.

Objective

The objective of this audit was to determine whether the Army effectively managed the storage, maintenance, and accountability of Army Prepositioned Stock-4 (APS-4) in accordance with Federal and DoD requirements.

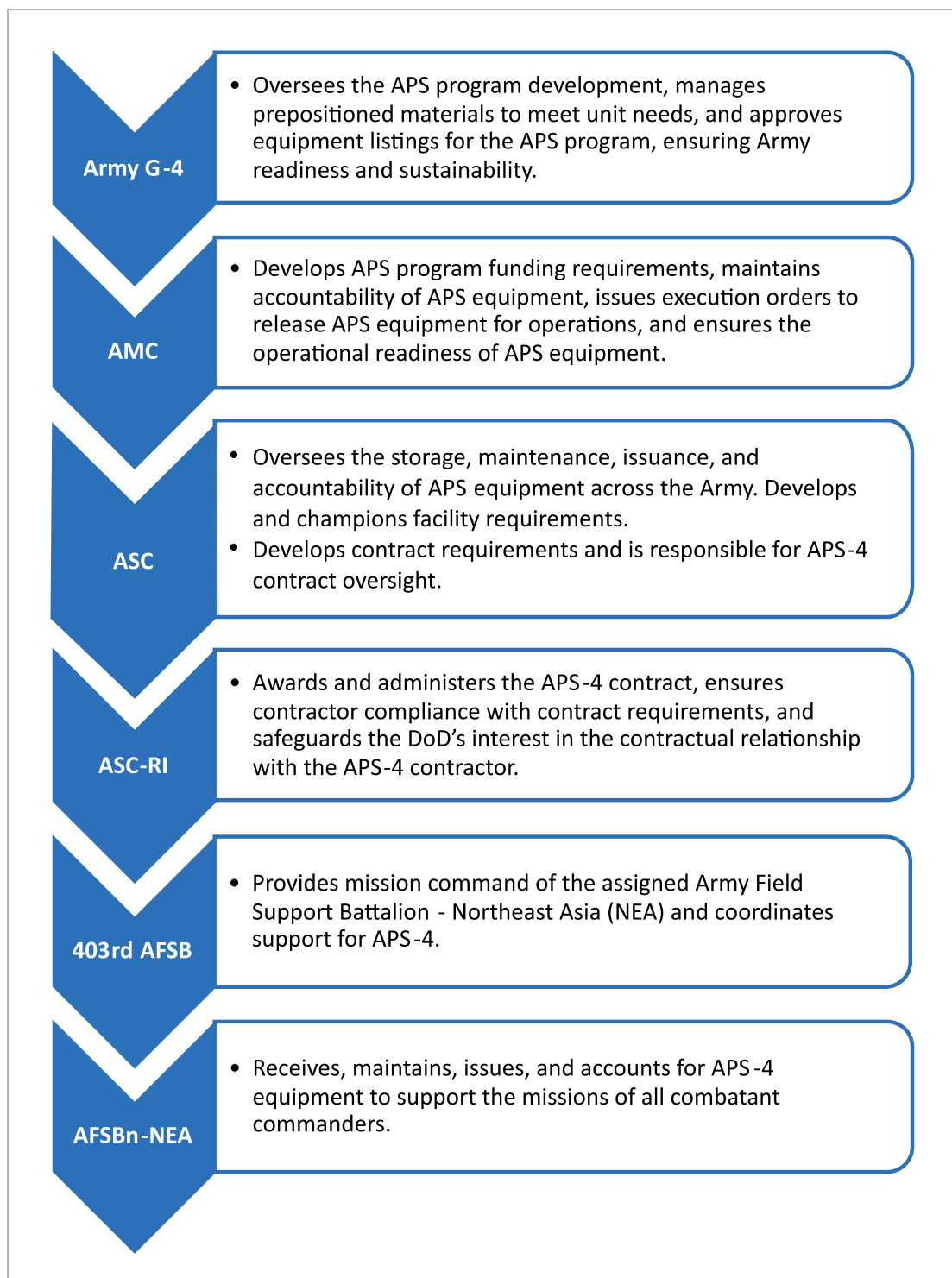
Background

The Army Prepositioned Stock (APS) program strategically positions sets of equipment, such as rolling stock and weapon systems, to reduce deployment response times. There are seven APS locations throughout the world, including APS-4 (Northeast Asia). Military units use APS-4 equipment to support operations throughout Northeast Asia.

APS-4 Roles and Responsibilities

The APS-4 program involves coordination between several Army organizations. While each organization has a different role, all share a responsibility in the maintenance and accountability of APS-4 equipment. See the following figure for the Army's roles and responsibilities for the APS-4 program.

Figure. APS-4 Roles and Responsibilities



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ACC-RI Army Contracting Command–Rock Island
AFSBn-NEA Army Field Support Battalion–Northeast Asia
AMC Army Materiel Command
ASC Army Sustainment Command
403rd AFSB 403rd Army Field Support Brigade

Source: The Army.

Scope and Methodology

We conducted this performance audit from January 2024 through January 2025 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

We reviewed the APS-4 contract and the performance work statement to determine the contractor's requirements for storing, maintaining, and accounting for equipment. In addition, we reviewed the APS-4 quality assurance surveillance plan to determine oversight responsibilities for contracting officer's representatives and alternate contracting officer's representatives.

We conducted a joint site visit with the Department of Army Inspector General inspection team to Camp Carroll, South Korea, from January through February 2024 to interview Army personnel responsible for the management and oversight of APS-4 and to observe the:

- condition of APS-4 equipment,
- execution of APS-4 equipment storage and maintenance, and
- procedures for accounting for APS-4 equipment.

During our site visit, we met with personnel from the 403rd Army Field Support Brigade, AFSBn-NEA, Eighth Army, and the APS-4 contractor to obtain information concerning the storage, maintenance, and accountability of APS-4 equipment. Jointly with the Department of the Army Inspector General inspection team, and with the help of maintenance technical experts from the Eighth Army, we examined APS-4 equipment stored at Camp Carroll, South Korea, to determine whether it had maintenance deficiencies. In addition, we visited open storage locations at Camp Carroll to determine how vehicles were being stored and protected. Furthermore, we conducted walkthroughs of controlled humidity facilities and met with personnel to determine how relative humidity levels were recorded and reported. We physically inspected BII sets to determine whether AFSBn NEA personnel performed BII inspections during the equipment's 2- or 4-year maintenance windows to ensure full functionality and accountability of APS-4 equipment.

To assess the quality of contract oversight, we analyzed relevant interviews, emails, and documentation concerning the oversight practices employed by the AFSBn-NEA contracting officer's representatives. In addition, we conducted a site visit to Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, where we met with Army Sustainment Command and Army Contracting Command personnel to discuss oversight of the APS-4 contract and challenges with the APS-4 program.

Findings, Recommendations, and Management Comments

We had one finding and made 13 recommendations. We directed the recommendations to the Commander of the 403rd Army Field Support Brigade. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 and Commander of the Army Sustainment Command, responding for the 403rd Army Field Support Brigade Commander, agreed with 12 of the 13 recommendations and disagreed with the remaining one. Although management agreed with 12 recommendations, only one recommendation is closed and three are considered resolved. The remaining nine recommendations are unresolved. The three resolved and nine unresolved recommendations will remain open until we receive documentation that corrective actions have been completed to close the recommendations.

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