

Timeline on Body Armor IG Investigation

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- January 28, 2009 - Department of Defense Inspector General delivers to Congresswoman Slaughter Report No. D-2009-047, DoD Testing Requirements for Body Armor.

- Report finds that first article testing for Army Contract 0040 was not consistently conducted or scored in accordance with contract terms, conditions and specifications

- The contracting officer technical representative made an unauthorized change to Contract 0040 by instructing the testing facility officials to deviate from the Contract Purchase Description without approval from the Contracting Officer

- June 26, 2008 - The Department of Defense Inspector General sends response to Congresswoman Slaughter's concerns about March 31 DoD Procurement Policy for Body Armor.

- Following an April 10, 2008 House Armed Service Committee hearing, Chairman Abercrombie requested the DoD Office of the Inspector General and Office of the Secretary of the Assistant Army come to an agreement regarding their recommendations of the March 31 report. The response sent to Congresswoman Slaughter documents the terms of the agreement.

- June 23, 2008 - Congresswoman

Slaughter sends a letter with questions regarding first article testing and contracting firms to supplement questions asked of Department of Defense Inspector General in a June 20, 2008 letter and meeting.

- June 20, 2008 - Meeting between

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter and Inspector General Claude Kicklighter

- Purpose

is to follow up on the March 31st request. During this meeting, Congresswoman Slaughter requests that the IG to look at records from the testing facilities and contractors to verify that FAT was conducted for all the body armor contracts, and that all contracts passed FAT. IG agrees.

- Congresswoman

Slaughter sends questions regarding March 31 DoD Procurement Policy for Body Armor report to Department of Defense Inspector General

- April 10, 2008 - Armed Services

Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on Army acquisition programs

- In

response to the IG report, Lieutenant General N. Ross Thompson, III states that all body armor is tested to the fullest extent, and that the deficiencies identified in the report were solely in documentation.

- March 31, 2008 - The Department of

Defense Inspector General releases Report No. D-2008-067, DoD Procurement Policy for Body Armor

- Report

concludes that there were deficiencies in first article testing (FAT) in 13 of the 28 Army body armor contracts awarded between January 2004 and December 2006. Many of these deficiencies involve lack of documentation indication that proper FAT had been conducted

- April 19, 2006 - Congresswoman

Slaughter sends request to Department of Defense Acting Inspector General Thomas F. Gimble asking for a review of the Department of Defense's procurement policies for body armor and armored vehicles, following an internal Pentagon memo revealed by The New York Times in January 2006, which found that 80 percent of marines killed in Iraq due to upper body wounds could have survived if they had extra body armor