

message to its customer; it conducts approximately 25 percent of its workload on the road.

NMEC PD is also developing the center's mission recovery plan for conducting COOP. The plan provides corporate guidance for CODE, or continuity of operations designation element, which are personnel who will

relocate to NMEC's remote site in the event NMEC headquarters is unavailable. There they will execute NMEC's core mission-essential functions of media ingestion and exploitation, storage, dissemination and sharing.

A capsule characterization of NMEC PD's primary function might be its role as an air traffic controller of sorts

— ensuring that a diverse group of federated partners are aware of each other's presence in overlapping activities; standardizing and deconflicting governing policy positions; availing a broad spectrum of customers with timely access to mission-critical data; and promoting cross-community awareness of DOMEX successes. ▲

UFAC DIGS DEEP to Find Covert Facilities

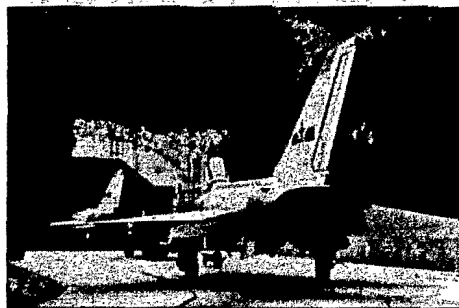
By the Underground Facility Analysis Center, DI

Have a target that resides hundreds of feet below the surface? The Underground Facility Analysis Center is here to help.

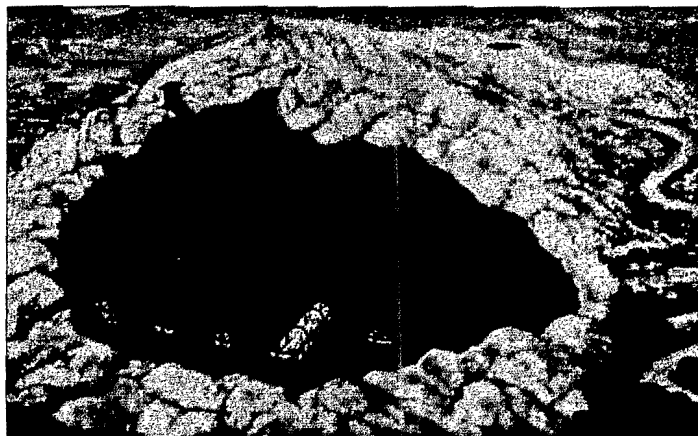
The intelligence community is witnessing the re-emergence of an old warfighting domain — the subsurface domain — where underground facilities are used for offensive and defensive purposes. Where are our adversaries building their next underground uranium enrichment plant? How can we defeat an offensive ballistic missile site hidden hundreds of meters underground? These are some of the challenges the Underground Facility Analysis Center (UFAC) faces daily as nations are increasingly building deeper underground facilities to protect and conceal their most vital military capabilities, such as national leadership, military command and control, weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles. It is a difficult task to find covert underground facilities around the globe and determine their functions, operational status and vulnerabilities. This enormous task is the mission of UFAC.

UFAC is a government-wide consortium sponsored by the director of national intelligence (DNI) with DIA serving as the intelligence community's (IC's) executive agent. Experience has shown that no IC organization possesses all the requisite knowledge, skills and experience to tackle this daunting problem alone. Consequently, UFAC leads and manages a collaborative

effort composed of intelligence and non-intelligence organizations, including subject matter experts from DIA, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.



Covert underground facilities can conceal a large array of capabilities.



A graphic rendering of an underground facility.

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UFAC's analysis provides vital information to U.S. policymakers, weapons developers and military forces and their commanders on how adversarial nations are using underground facilities for strategic advantage. New automated technologies to address adversarial underground facilities is one area the center is exploring to in response to the onslaught of underground construction. Recent advances in the use of automated algorithms have prioritized areas for further analysis. Additionally, continuing breakthroughs in underground facility characterization tools have improved combatant command crisis response time and reduced target intelligence uncertainty, leading to a higher probability of mission success.

To find out more about UFAC, go to their website at www.dia.ic.gov/admin/DI/web-content/Functional/UFAC.html. ▲