Increasing the intelligence value of the NRO’s abilities

**Access:** Bring cross-INT information together to provide comprehensive access and navigation.
- The data is useless if the user can’t get to it.

**Content:** We collect a lot more than we know.
- Process unique data and merge in cross-referenced packages.
- This information is not “just lots more of the same.”

**Timeliness:** Stay ahead of the dynamic decision cycle times in the most remote locations.
- Capacity of the communications networks is critical.

Never Forget the Mission
“A compelling opportunity exists to meet the intelligence needs of today’s imperatives and increase the value of NRO capabilities.”

– Scott Large
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

Organizational Improvements

– A Chief Operating Officer position was created with overall responsibility for all system acquisition and operations.

– A new Systems Operations Directorate now has responsibility for “flying” the satellites and standardizing ground stations operations.

– Program managers are focused on program execution and contractor management.

– Other changes allow us to more effectively respond to rapidly changing intelligence requirements, improve our overall support to our users, and maximize the intelligence value of investments made in overhead reconnaissance.

Accomplishments and Results

– Several new satellite systems under construction are on track for meeting their scheduled completion.

– Technical experts from both the NRO and industry recently performed extraordinary engineering on the ground that returned a non-operating satellite to full operation.

– NRO data saves lives: NRO experts collaborate with mission partners to find IEDs and prevent them from harming our troops.

– Educating the warfighter: NRO technical trainers support major troop deployments through training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. Troops are trained on effective use of national systems data and derived products that will assist their operational missions.

Three Priorities Predominate

– Maintain timely Operations.
  • NRO data saves lives.

– Reconstitute Acquisition excellence.
  • Reclaim single governance, accountability, program management.

– Pursue Innovation.
  • Increase the value of NRO’s technological expertise.