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Daily Media Clips

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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

The US Navy's top acquisition priority stumbles out of the gate
August 6, 2018 | David B. Larter

The U.S. Navy's $122.3 billion Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine program is off to an inauspicious start after faulty welding was discovered in several missile tubes destined for both the Columbia and Virginia-class programs, as well as the United Kingdom's follow-on SSBN program.

In all, 12 missile tubes manufactured by BWXT, Inc., are being scrutinized for substandard welds. Seven of the 12 had been delivered to prime contractor General Dynamics Electric Boat and were in various stages of outfitting, and five were still under construction. The Navy and Electric Boat have launched an investigation, according to a statement from Naval Sea Systems Command spokesman Bill Couch.

"All BWXT welding requiring volumetric inspection has been halted until the investigation is complete," Couch said.

The bad welds came to light after discrepancies were discovered with the equipment BWXT used to test the welds before shipping them to GDEB, according to a source familiar with the issue.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

VA goes on acquisition spree to support its cloud habit
August 6, 2018 | Jason Miller

Efforts underway to resuscitate weapons supply chain
August 6, 2018 | Jill Aitoro

How the Army is competing with Google for these ninjas
August 6, 2018 | Kathleen Curthoys

Army Boosts Electronic Warfare Numbers, Training, Role
August 7, 2018 | Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.

Navy sub head eyes great power competition
August 6, 2018 | Geoff Ziezulewicz

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Should federal contracting be more like Airbnb?
August 6, 2018 | Steve Kelman

Congress offers millions in budget to cyber-harden missile defense systems
August 6, 2018 | Jen Judson

Army Cyber Command looks to expand its scope
August 6, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

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