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At Tri-Service Meeting, Experts Push to Make Corrosion Part of the Culture *Corrosion Officials Invite Secretary of the Air Force*

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This year's audit of DoD's corrosion prevention effort couldn't have come at a better time. The Government Accountability Office recently urged the Pentagon and armed Services to budget and plan for the long-term preservation of weapons and infrastructure before projects are fully underway.



From December 3-7, corrosion experts and DoD officials will speak about the challenges of integrating corrosion control into the DoD culture at the Tri-Service Corrosion Conference. This year's conference theme is "Integrating Corrosion Prevention and Control in Policy, Planning, and Programming." The biennial conference, sponsored by the DoD Corrosion Office and supported by NACE International, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver.

Michael W. Wynne, Secretary of the Air Force, has been invited to deliver the keynote speech at the Wednesday night banquet. Secretary Wynne served as the first DoD Corrosion Executive from 2003 until 2005. Senator Byron Dorgan from North Dakota has also been invited to provide a keynote speech to conference participants. Sen. Dorgan is one of the early supporters of the DoD corrosion effort and he continues to strongly advocate for the agency's corrosion program. Ralph Adler, a research metallurgist at the Army Research Laboratory, will direct the Student Poster Session inside the exhibit hall.

Your contribution as a key professional in the field of corrosion—or one who procures, uses, or maintains military materiel, equipment, or facilities in a "corrosion-smart" fashion—will add immense value to this conference. You can also help DoD find solutions to corrosion problems, which enhance equipment reliability and readiness and reduce the life cycle cost of our war-fighting assets.

Proposed briefing topics at the Tri-Service Corrosion Conference include:

- Service Overviews
- Corrosion Research
 - Corrosion Mechanisms and Kinetics
 - Detection & Monitoring
 - Coatings & Surface Treatments
- Corrosion Engineering for Equipment and Facilities
 - Environmental Concerns
 - Advanced Materials & Processes
 - Operational Environments
 - Preservation of Materials
 - Life Cycle Issues
 - Maintenance & Repair

- Advanced Measurement Technologies
- Prevention, Protection, & Control
- Modeling & Predictive Technologies
- Materials Selection for Corrosion Resistance
- Facilities and Infrastructure Programs
- Corrosion Issues and Policies
 - Assessment of Corrosion Status
 - Education & Training
 - Corrosion Procurement Policies

For more information about registering for the Tri-Service Corrosion Conference, please visit [NACE International](#). Suppliers interested in purchasing an exhibit should contact Jennifer O'Reilly at (281) 228-6242 or jennifer.oreilly@nace.org. Exhibitors can [click here](#) to access more information.