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Navy Lakehurst is site for Army Laser Testing

August 7, 2003: LAKEHURST, NJ – NAVAIR Lakehurst is hosting engineers from Fort Monmouth’s Army Research Development Engineering Command (RDECOM) and contractor B.F. Goodrich who are conducting innovative laser detection testing.

The engineers are utilizing one of Lakehurst’s unique 8,000 foot long test tracks to test and observe how lasers can be detected when they pinpoint targets. They chose Lakehurst for their testing because it is perhaps the only facility on the East Coast that offers testing tracks of this nature in such a safe and secure environment.

The Army Navy Aviation Receiver (AN/AVR-2A) is a black box device that can become part of an avionics package that will enable pilots to detect when they are being tracked or targeted by laser devices that could endanger their aircraft and also be an extreme hazard to the vision of the pilot. The receiver will alert the pilot to use counter measures to foil the laser.

“Testing such as this at Lakehurst by the Army is just another example of the joint cooperation among the services within the Department of Defense,” according to Gary Crossland, project manager for NAVAIR Lakehurst. “Because of the one-of-a-kind facilities we have here at Lakehurst, many other agencies have found it advantageous to work with the Navy on their various projects,” he added.

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