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Congressional Committees

Subject: Defense Management: Observations on DOD's Analysis of Options for Improving Corrosion Prevention and Control through Earlier Planning in the Requirements and Acquisition Processes

This report formally transmits the attached briefing in response to section 1041 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (see enclosure I). The act requires the Comptroller General to review the Department of Defense's report on options for improving corrosion prevention and control, including the methodology used to assess the potential options, and provide the results to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees within 60 days after submission of the Department of Defense report. On April 29, 2009, we provided the briefing to staff of your committees to satisfy the mandate and 60-day reporting requirement.

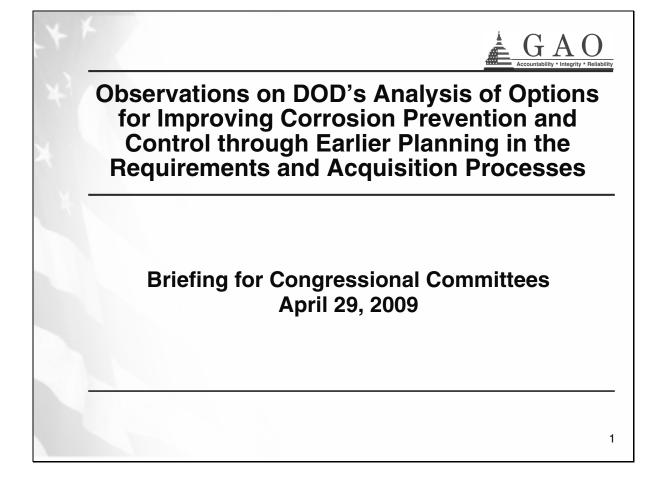
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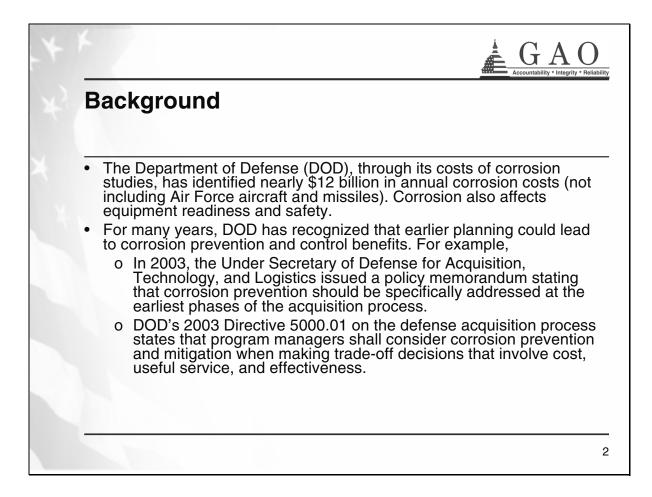
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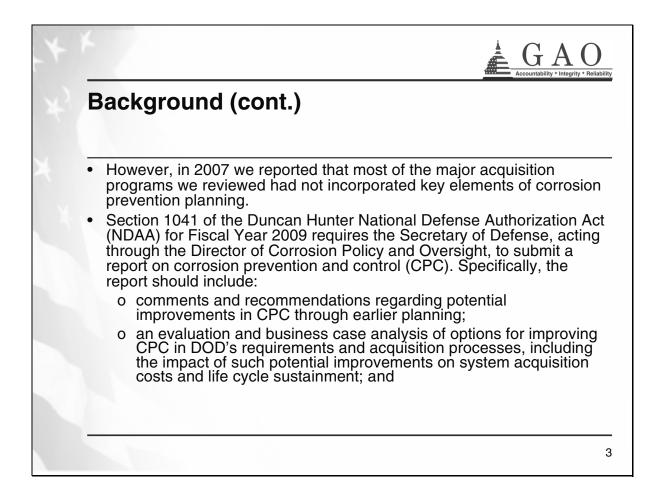
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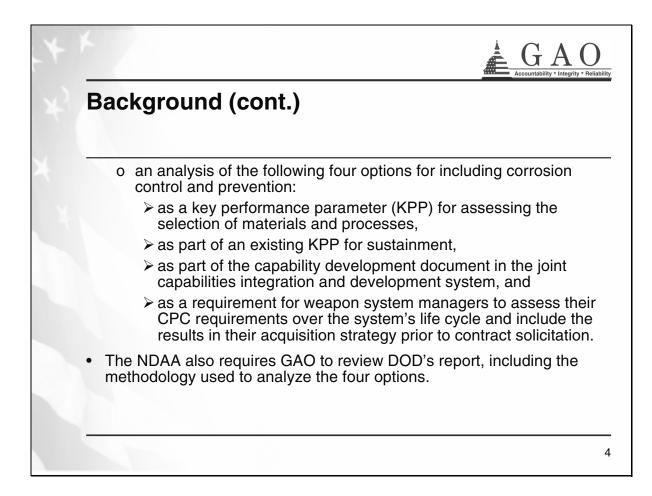
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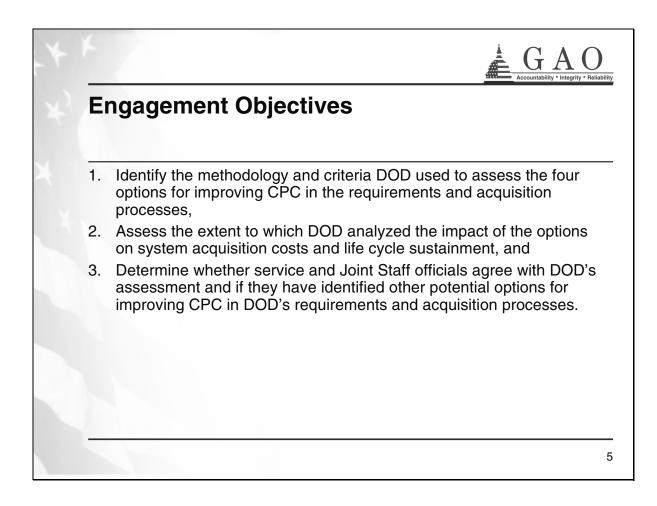
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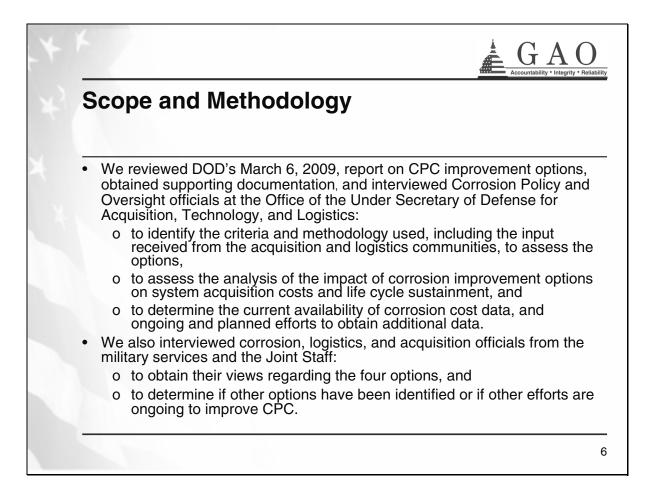


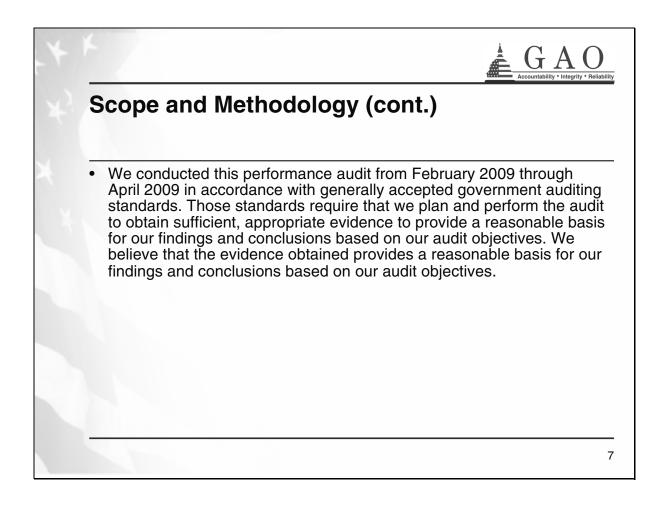


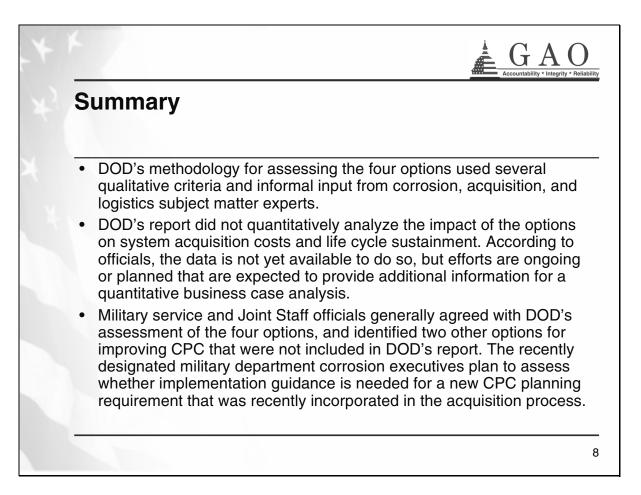


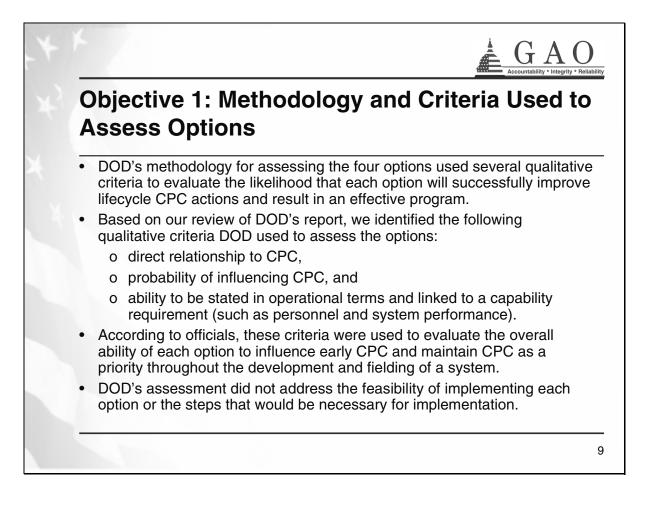


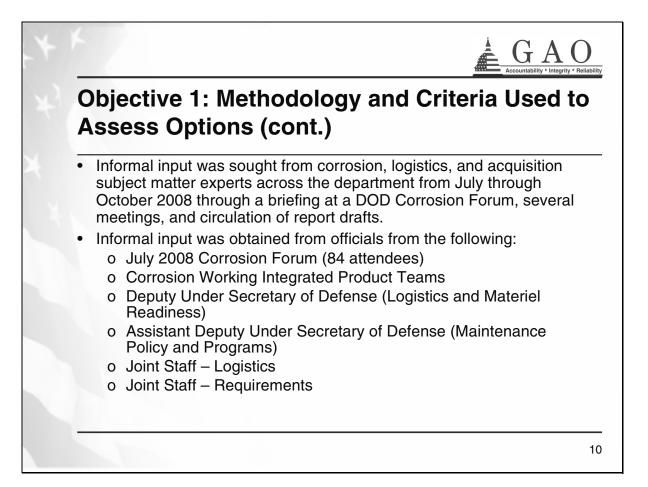


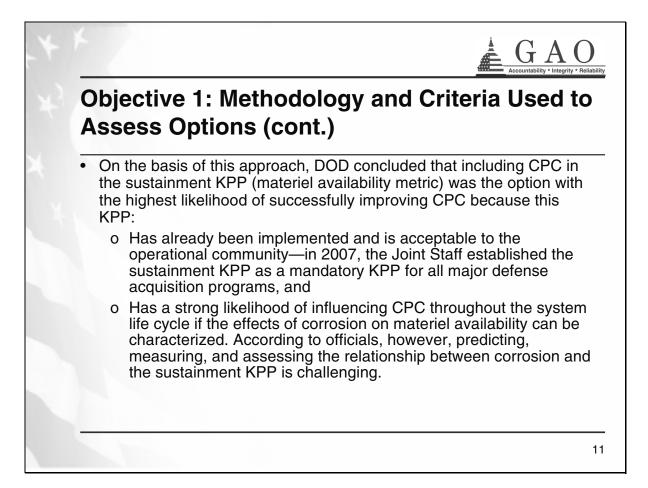


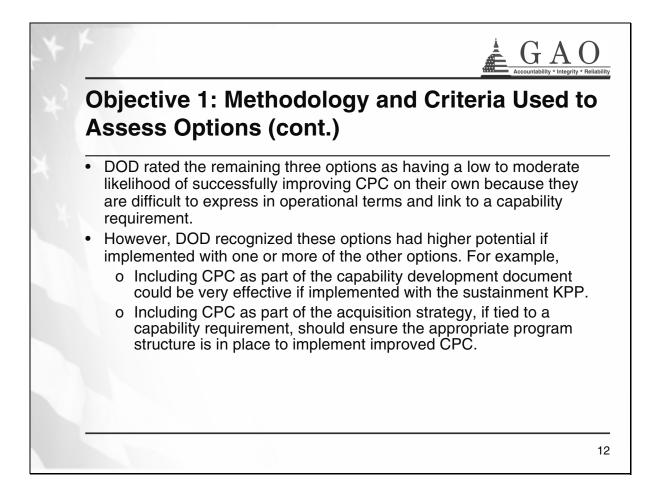


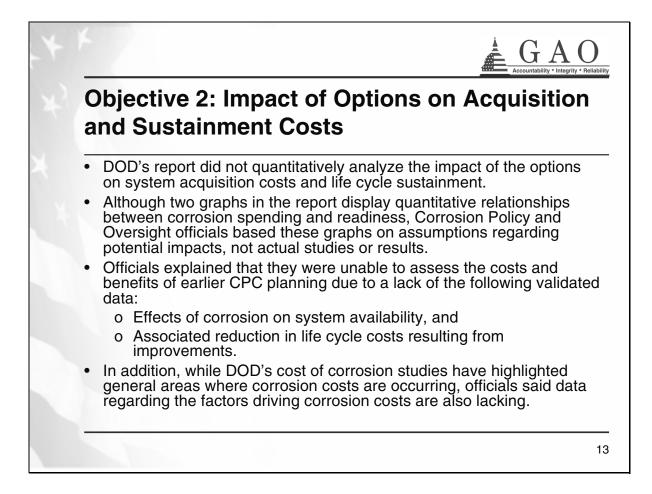


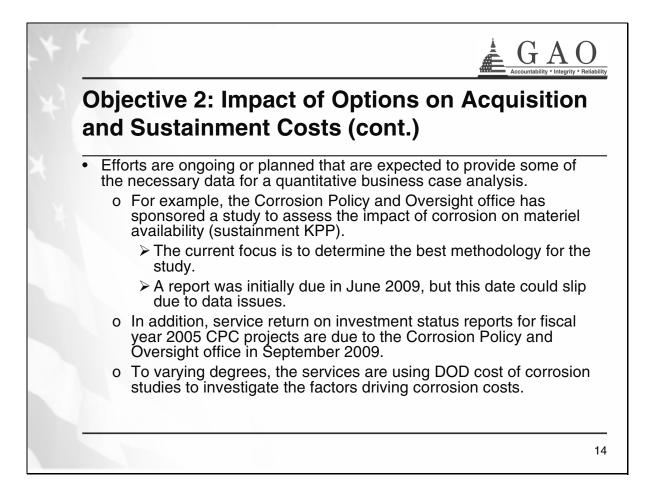


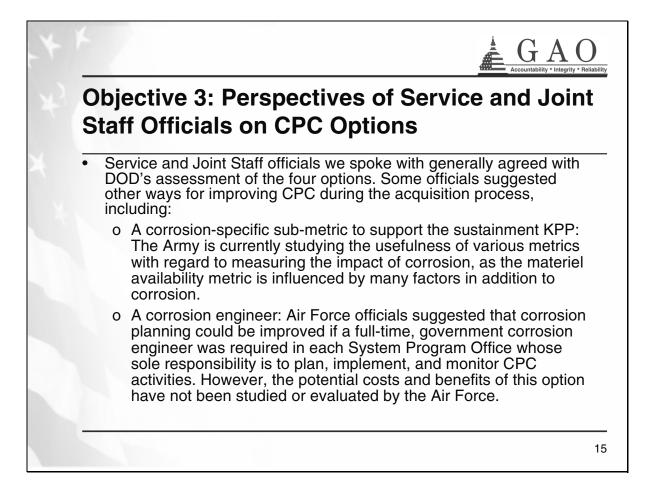


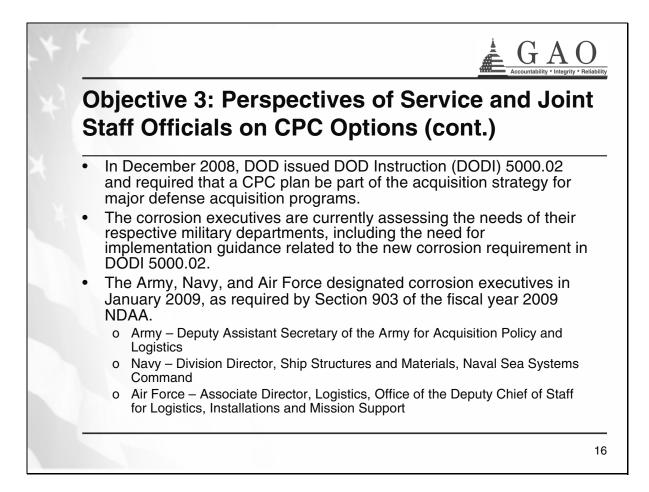




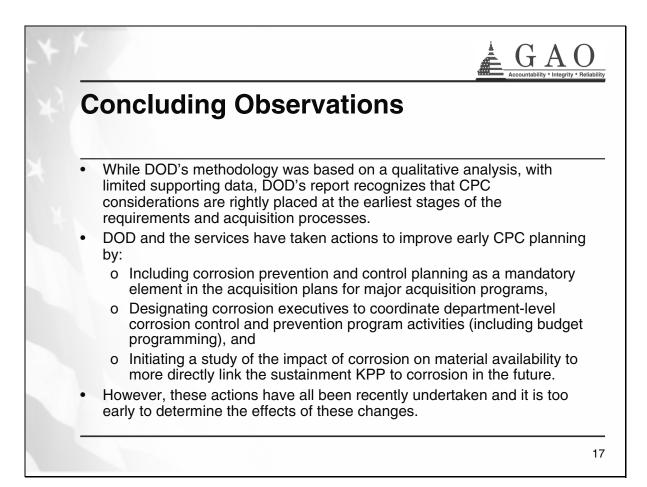


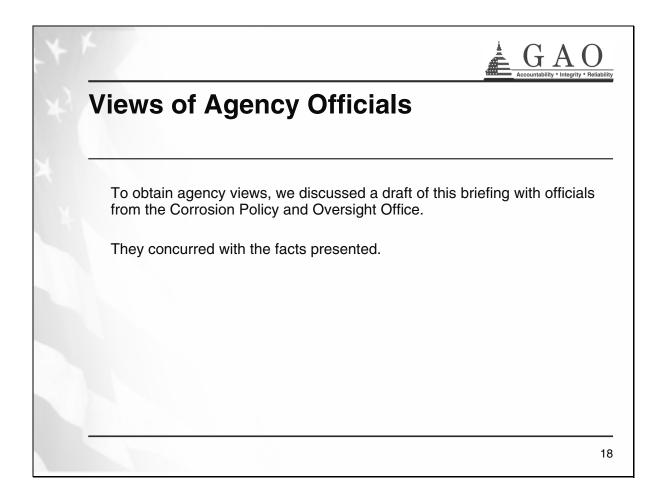






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