

"GPS: Can We Avoid a Gap in Service?"

On Thursday, May 7, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on the findings of a GAO report that identifies challenges within Global Positioning System (GPS) capabilities and the timing and quality of planned upgrades. In addition, the hearing examined GPS procurement history and the reliance on GPS across industries and government.

WITNESS LIST:

Panel I:

- Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO
- Major General William N. McCasland, Director, Space Acquisition, Office of the Undersecretary of the Air Force
- Dr. Steve Huybrechts, Principal Director, Command, Control, Communications, Space & Spectrum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Networks and Information Integration/Chief Information Office)

Panel II:

- Lieutenant General Larry D. James, Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), Air Force Space Command, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command
- Karen L. Van Dyke, Director, Position Navigation and Timing, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation
- F. Michael Swiek, Executive Director, United States GPS Industry Council
- Chet Huber, President, On-Star Corporation

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