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experienced little change over this time period, and therefore we had no indication that there was any corresponding change to the level of authorized positions or current onboard personnel.

We conducted this performance audit from July 2009 through June 2010 in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Ships operate in an environment of continuous training and continuous certification/proficiency. The Surface Force Training Manual (SFTM) specifies certification requirements for Required Operational Capability/ Projected Operational Environment (ROC/POE) mission areas applicable to each ship. The training readiness of each ship's crew is measured against Continuous Certification Requirements (CCR). Data cards, based on Navy Tactical Tasks (NTA) derived from required knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA), provide the data points measured under each CCR. Data card evaluation results are entered into the Training and Operational Readiness Information Services (TORIS) data base, which directly feeds the Defense Readiness Reporting System-Navy (DRRS-N), thereby providing the chain of command a continuous training readiness assessment of each operational command. Additionally, the Afloat Training Groups administer Level of Knowledge (LOK) examinations to shipboard watchstanders during their assessment of the ships' training readiness during the Basic Phase of training and periodically during sustainment assessment verifications.

Appendix VI: GAO Contact and Staff Acknowledgments

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