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On January 10, the commander of Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), Army General Ray Odierno, issued a statement regarding the disestablishment of the command. The press release provided clearer insight as to the potential impact the closure of JFCOM will have on the Hampton Roads region. According to General Odierno, roughly half of the command's 3,890 jobs in Hampton Roads would be eliminated in the disestablishment process. While the exact process for disestablishment remains somewhat unclear, the current goal is to have a firm implementation plan completed and approved in 30 to 45 days. The disestablishment of the command is expected to take between twelve and fifteen months. General Odierno explained that while the command will be eliminated, several key functions will continue, such as joint training, concept development and doctrine development, the provision of contingency forces, as well as modeling and simulation efforts to enhance joint training. Contractors are likely to face the brunt of the cuts, while military personnel and civilian employees will have more options for alternate job opportunities.

The elimination of JFCOM employment is especially significant to the region's economy because the military, federal civilian and contractual employment from the command tends to be in occupations that have relatively high wages.

Estimated Impact of JFCOM Disestablishment	
Loss in Direct Employment	1,945
Loss in Indirect and Induced Employment	1,830
Loss in Total Employment	3,775
Loss to Gross Regional Product (Millions of 2011 Dollars)	\$371.1
Loss in Personal Income (Millions of 2011 Dollars)	\$286.5

According to analysis conducted at the HRPDC, the elimination of 50% of JFCOM employment is estimated to decrease direct employment by 1,945 jobs, with an additional indirect and induced job loss of 1,830 resulting in a gross reduction of 3,775 jobs. The loss of the JFCOM command will reduce the Hampton Roads gross region product by approximately \$371 million per year.

Major Employment Announcements in Hampton Roads*	
Company	Jobs
Canon Virginia, Inc.(2008)	1,035
VT Group (2008)	1,000
Northrop Grumman Newport News (2009)	1,000
ICT Group, Inc. (2005)	949
NCO Financial Systems, Inc. (2008)	571
AREVA Newport News LLC (2008)	540
U.S. Air Force (2006)	520
TeleTech Holdings Inc. (2008)	(532)
CooperVision (2009)	(570)
Smithfield Packing Company (2005)	(571)
International Paper (2009)	(1,123)
JFCOM (2011)	~(1,945)
Ford Motor Co. (2006)	(2,400)

\*Source: HREDA, 2005-2010 Data