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PRAISE AND PILLORY

The praise

The Long Beach Naval Shipyard outperformed four of seven other yards in a category taxpayers appreciate: waste. The shipyard had only 3 percent unused material on repair work, compared to the Navy's standard of no more than 5 percent. Only two other facilities matched Long Beach's, and one had a waste rate of 14 percent. (This cost-reduction achievement won't be decisive when the federal base closings commission decides next year whether the shipyard ought to remain open, but, as the Save Our Shipyard spokesman Bill Gurzi says, it can't hurt.

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