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ONR has identified a core of three DoN-critical research areas. The core areas are: ocean sciences, advanced materials, and information sciences. The recognized success of the core research program is built upon a management approach that utilizes highly technical, discipline-oriented scientific officers that argue for resources and then employ the best scientists and engineers to conduct DoN relevant research.

We conclude that these core areas are broad enough yet concrete enough to still be vital to the needs of DoN capabilities and systems. They encompass the activities and disciplines that appropriately address and advance the fields of science and technology upon which the DoN depends.

We recommend the present core areas be maintained.