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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT)

SUBJECT: New Military Munitions Response Program Goals for Formerly Used Defense Sites

During the past two centuries, the Department of Defense has used land throughout the United States to both train Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, and Marines, and test new weapons to ensure the nation's military readiness. As training and testing needs changed, DoD obtained property or returned it to private or public uses. DoD is dedicated to protecting human health and the environment by investigating and, if required, cleaning up munitions that may remain on these properties from past DoD activities.

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environmental Management and Restoration (ODASD(EMR)) is establishing new Military Munitions Response Program goals for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). These goals support the advancement of munitions response sites (MRS) through the cleanup phases, focusing on the highest risk MRSs first. The new goals¹ are:

- For high priority FUDS MRSs (i.e., MRSs with a Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol score between 1 and 4), achieve response complete² (RC) at:
 - 20% of MRSs by the end of FY 2030 and
 - 30% of MRSs by the end of FY 2035.
- Achieve RC at the remaining FUDS MRSs by the end of FY 2120.

ODASD(EMR) will evaluate this goal at least every five years to incorporate new information, as many factors (e.g., budgetary constraints; changes in site conditions, project scope, and regulations; advancements in technology) influence the cleanup schedule for each site and affect the overall timeline for completion. These new goals are effective immediately.

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¹ The new goals exclude sites on a FUDS property where an individual or company has been identified as being potentially responsible for or having contributed to the contamination. The new goals also exclude sites where the Army cannot obtain rights of entry to complete investigations.

² The RC milestone occurs when cleanup activities are complete and DoD has documented this determination and sought regulatory agreement (although DoD or a subsequent landowner may continue to monitor the site).