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# PETITION FOR REVIEW OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The United States Department of the Air Force (the "Air Force" or "Petitioner") respectfully submits this Petition for Review to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB" or "Board") concerning the Final Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit, Permit No. AK8 57002 8649 ("2023 Permit"), issued on September 30, 2023 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 10. A copy of the Permit without its accompanying attachments is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Air Force principally challenges three provisions of the 2023 Hazardous Waste Management ("HWM") Permit: (1) Condition III.A.2 requiring the Air Force to "exhaust all options" to implement corrective action beyond the facility, including the mandate that the Air Force purchase affected property, (2) the language contained in the introductory section of Part III of the Permit that changes the longstanding relationship between EPA and the Air Force under the Federal Facility Agreements ("FFA") and previous versions of this Permit, and (3) the definition of "hazardous constituent" extending to any "newly regulated hazardous constituents."

Due to procedural defects in the permitting process, the Air Force did not submit a comment on the draft 2023 Permit. Nevertheless, this Board should grant review because these procedural defects hindered the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the scope and significance of the new permit conditions. Alternatively, the Board should grant review given the significance of the issues involved, which may ultimately require resolution after a conference with the EPA Administrator.

The 2023 Permit contains several erroneous conclusions of law. The permit terms at Condition III.A.2. requiring the Air Force to "exhaust all options" to implement corrective actions beyond the facility property are clearly erroneous on multiple grounds. First, the terms at

Condition III.A.2. are beyond the EPA's statutory and regulatory authority. Congress directed EPA to promulgate regulations addressing beyond the facility corrective actions. The EPA subsequently passed regulations mirroring the statutory requirements. See 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v); 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) and 264.101(c). The current Permit language, however, omits an exception built into the statute and regulations by *mandating* certain beyond the facility actions. That is, the 2023 Permit exceeds the requirements that EPA set in its own rules. Likewise, these permit terms constitute a legislative rule, and thus EPA was required to comply with the rulemaking procedures under the APA before including these terms in the permit. Additionally, the permit seeks to usurp the Secretary of the Air Force's sole authority to direct land acquisitions under 10 U.S.C. § 2663. Moreover, the Permit holds federal facilities to a more stringent standard than non-federal facilities and thus does not fall within the federal government's limited waiver of sovereign immunity under RCRA. Finally, the terms at Condition III.A.2. run afoul of the Anti-Deficiency Act ("ADA"), 31 U.S.C. § 1341 et. seq., since the permit mandates the Air Force to take otherwise unlawful action on a contingent, indefinite basis.

In addition to the number of issues with Condition III.A.2., the 2023 Permit also undermines the long-standing FFAs at Joint-Base Elmendorf Richardson ("JBER"), and improperly extends the definition of "hazardous constituent." Moreover, due to the significance of these issues, the Air Force may also request a conference with the EPA Administrator upon final order of this Board, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.31(e)(2).

#### II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson is a Department of Defense ("DoD") installation consisting of 74,297 acres of land north of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska. Fact Sheet at

2 (Attachment B). The base's current population consists of approximately 13,000 active-duty military personnel, approximately 18,500 dependents, and nearly 3,070 federal civil employees. *Id.* JBER is the largest Air Force Base in Alaska and its mission to provide support for the air defense and sovereignty of Alaska and North America. *Id.* The installation is also home to one U.S. Army Brigade and serves as the point of mobilization for Army forces in Alaska for conducting contingency operations within the Pacific theater and beyond. *Id.* 

The EPA added Elmendorf AFB ("EAFB") and Fort Richardson to the National Priorities List ("NPL") in 1990 and 1994, respectively. 2023 Permit at 17. The facilities were subsequently merged in 2010, creating JBER. *Id.* The DoD established the Defense Environmental Restoration Program to address the sites that are within the responsibility for the DoD under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *Id.* The Air Force, EPA, and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation ("ADEC") signed a FFA for EAFB in November 1991, and a separate FFA for Fort Richardson was completed in December 1994. *Id.* Both documents are included as attachments to this Petition as Attachment C (Elmendorf FFA) and Attachment D (Ft Richardson FFA). Although EAFB and Fort Richardson have since merged to form JBER, the separate FFAs remain in effect. *Id.* 

The FFAs declare that "[t]he Parties intend to integrate USAF's CERCLA response obligations and RCRA corrective action obligations that relate to the release(s) of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, pollutants, or contaminants covered by [the] Agreement into this comprehensive Agreement . . . [and] the Parties intend that the activities covered by this Agreement will achieve compliance with CERCLA . . . [and] satisfy the corrective action requirements of Sections 3004(u) and (v) of RCRA [42 U.S.C. § 6924] . . . ." EAFB FFA at 15-

16, ¶ 5.1; Fort Richardson FFA at 13-14, ¶ 5.1. The FFAs also state that the "Parties intend that any remedial action selected, implemented, and completed under [the] Agreement will be protective of human health and the environment such that remediation of releases covered by [the] Agreement shall obviate the need for further corrective action under RCRA (i.e., no further corrective action shall be required)." EAFB FFA at 16, ¶ 5.2; Fort Richardson FFA at 14, ¶ 5.2. In the event a permit is issued to the Air Force for ongoing hazardous waste management activities outside of the FFAs, the EPA or ADEC "shall reference and incorporate any appropriate provisions . . . of the [FFAs] into such permit." EAFB FFA at 16, ¶ 5.3; Fort Richardson FFA at 14, ¶ 5.3.

Both FFAs also outline the specific procedures for adding newly-discovered units to the agreement. Pursuant to the Richardson FFA, the parties agreed that any new source areas would be addressed under the last scheduled operating unit ("OU") under the FFA, unless the parties agree otherwise. Richardson FFA at 53, ¶ 24.3. Likewise, under the EAFB FFA, "[a]ny ecological or human health cumulative risks effects which may become evident from the aggregate of source areas at EAFB not addressed in the prior OU RI/FS will be covered under [OU 6]." EAFB FFA at A-2, ¶ 2. The FFAs further provide that any modifications to the scope of work "may be effected by the *unanimous agreement*" of the parties. EAFB FFA at 60, ¶ 33.1; Fort Richardson FFA at 61-62, ¶ 33.1.

In 2003, EPA issued then-Elemendorf AFB a HWM permit authorizing the operation of a storage unit and outlining corrective action measures for Solid Waste Management Units ("SWMUs"). 2003 Permit at 7, 31 (Attachment E). Consistent with the relevant FFA provisions, the 2003 Permit states that all investigations and cleanups included in the FFA will meet or exceed all ARARs, including RCRA. *Id.* at 31, ¶ IV.A..1. The 2003 Permit further provides that

the FFAs satisfy the corrective action requirement for SWMUs under the RCRA regulations *except* for: (1) SWMUs that the parties to the FFA transfer to the RCRA permit identified in an attachment to the permit, (2) SWMUs the parties to the FFA formally identify as outside the scope, (3) newly identified SWMUs that parties identify as outside the scope of the FFAs that EPA determines to be subject to corrective action; and (4) SWMUs that are discovered after the termination of the FFA. *Id.* at 31, ¶¶ IV.A.2(a)-(d). The 2003 Permit expressly identifies SWMUs that are subject to the FFA and outlines a detailed process for newly-identified or newly-created SWMUs. *Id.* at 31-32, ¶¶ IV.A.4 – IV.B. The 2003 Permit does not specifically address corrective actions to be taken beyond the facility boundary beyond merely noting that "[t]he corrective action for USAF Elmendorf AFB will be satisfied by the FFA . . . . " *Id.* at 31, ¶IV.A.2.

EPA issued a permit modification in 2010 to reflect the merger of Elmendorf AFB and Fort Richrdson. 2010 Permit at Cover Letter (Attachment F). The 2010 Permit contains near-identical provisions as the 2003 Permit. As highlighted in the Introductory Section of the 2010 Permit, the modifications to the 2010 Permit consist of (1) replacing "Elmendorf" with "Joint Base Elmendorf" or "JBER," (2) rewriting a provision to now include both the FFAs from Fort Richardson and Elmendorf, and (3) updating the contact information for the U.S. EPA Director. 2010 Permit at 8. The 2010 permit expired on December 15, 2013; however, the permit conditions have remained in effect. Fact Sheet at 6.

JBER applied to renew this Permit in late 2022. RCRA Part A Application (Attachment G). EPA Region 10 issued a draft renewal permit and accompanying fact sheet on July 24, 2023, announcing a forty-five day comment period until September 7, 2013. Fact Sheet at 1. EPA received one comment during this period from the Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger and

Alaska Community Action on Toxics. Response to Comments (Attachment H). The citizen groups expressed concern about the deferral of the closure of the open burn/open detonation ("OB/OD") area at JBER. *Id.* EPA responded by noting that they will require JBER to collect additional environmental information and inserted a placeholder condition in the permit that the agency indicated they will later populate via a permit modification. *Id.* 

Region 10 issued the final HWM Permit on September 30, 2023 with an effective date of October 30, 2023. Final Permit at i. The 2023 Permit principally contains two significant sections: (1) the procedures for the closure of the OB/OD unit (Part II of the Permit) and (2) corrective actions for all SWMUs at JBER, including the OB/OD unit (Part III of the Permit). The Permit contains several standard conditions that were carried over from the 2010 Permit. *See* 2023 Permit, Standard Conditions at 5-14. The 2023 Permit also mirrors provisions from the 2003 and 2010 permits noting that "[n]o provision of [the] Permit shall be interpreted to require the Permittee to obligate funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341." Final Permit at 8,¶ I.J.

The 2023 Permit, however, includes several significant changes from the 2003 and 2010 permits. Specifically, the 2023 Permit contains a condition regarding corrective action beyond the facility boundary:

The Permittee must take corrective action beyond the facility property boundary where necessary to protect human health and the environment, in accordance with § 3004(v) of RCRA, 42 USC § 6924(v), and 40 CFR § 264.101. The Permittee must exhaust all options to implement corrective action beyond the facility property boundary, including but not limited to purchasing affected property by eminent domain, relocating affected populations to new housing, and offering to finance and construct satisfactory water supply utilities to affected properties before making a demonstration, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.101.

Final Permit at 18, ¶ III.A.2 (emphasis added).

Additionally, the 2023 Permit alters the long-standing interplay between the FFAs and the HWM Permit. Specifically, the 2023 Permit states that actions performed under the FFAs will satisfy corrective action for the Facility except for "newly discovered SWMUs that are not expressly included in writing as within the scope of the FFAs." Final Permit at 18.

Finally, the Permit seeks to expand the scope of corrective action by redefining the definition of "hazardous constituent" *Id.* at 3. The 2023 Permit expands the definition by including "any newly regulated hazardous constituents." This language is absent from the 2003 and 2010 permits. *See* 2003 Permit at 9; 2010 Permit at 9.

#### III. LEGAL BACKGROUND

In 1976, Congress enacted RCRA to address the growing problem of solid and hazardous waste in the United States. *See* Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, Pub. L. No. 94-580 §§ 1002–03 (Oct. 21, 1976) (codified at 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 *et. seq.*) As part of RCRA, Congress created the Subtitle C hazardous waste management program. 42 U.S.C. at §§ 6921 *et. seq.* RCRA defines "hazardous waste" as:

... [S]olid waste, or combination of solid wastes, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may—(A) cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or (B) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

42 U.S.C. § 6903(5). Congress further directed EPA to identify characteristics of hazardous waste and list hazardous wastes subject to the requirements of Subtitle C. *Id.* at § 6921(b); see City of Chicago v. Envt'l Defense Fund, 511 U.S. 328, 332 (1994). EPA first promulgated the regulatory definition of "hazardous waste" in 1980. See Hazardous Waste Management System: Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste, 45 Fed. Reg. 33,084 (May 19, 1980) (codified at 40 C.F.R. §§ 260.10, 261.3).

RCRA also directed EPA to establish "regulations establishing such performance standards applicable to owners and operators of facilities for the treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste identified or listed under [Subtitle C of RCRA]." 42 U.S.C. § 6924(a). In 1982, based on this requirement, EPA developed a corrective action program as part of the groundwater monitoring program for qualifying hazardous constituents found at 40 C.F.R. Part 261, Appendix VIII, applicable to certain "regulated units." *See Hazardous Waste Management System; Standards Applicable to Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities; and EPA Administered Permit Programs*, 47 Fed. Reg. 32,274, 32,310 (July 26, 1982).

In 1984, Congress passed the Hazardous and Solid Wastes Amendment Act ("HSWA"), a major revision to RCRA. *See generally* Pub. L. No. 98-616 (Nov. 8, 1984). The HSWA added two relevant corrective action authorities. Section 206 provides, in relevant part:

Standards promulgated under this section shall require, and a permit issued after November 8, 1984, by the Administrator or a State shall require, corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from any solid waste management unit at a treatment, storage, or disposal facility seeking a permit under [Subtitle C] regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit...

42 U.S.C. § 6924(u).

Section 207 provides, in relevant part:

... [T]he Administrator shall amend the standards under this section regarding corrective action required at facilities for the treatment, storage, or disposal, of hazardous waste listed or identified under section 3001 [42 U.S.C. § 6921] to require that corrective action be taken beyond the facility boundary where necessary to protect human health and the environment *unless* the owner or operator of the facility concerned demonstrates to the satisfaction of the administrator that, despite the owner or operator's best efforts, the owner or operator was unable to obtain the necessary permission to undertake such action . . . .

42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) (emphasis added).

EPA amended 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart F, in response to HWSA's new corrective action authorities. *See Hazardous Waste Management System, Final Codification Rule,* 50 Fed. Reg. 28,702, 28,711-716 (July 15, 1985) (codified at 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.90(a), 264.101). The amended corrective action regulations explained that hazardous constituents for the new regulations are those listed at 40 C.F.R. Part 261, Appendix VIII. 50 Fed. Reg. 28,702, 28,713 ("The term 'hazardous constituent' as used in this section is intended to mean those constituents listed in Appendix VIII to 40 CFR Part 261 . . .").

In December 1987, EPA promulgated rules for corrective action requirements beyond the facility boundary. 52 Fed. Reg. 45,788 (Dec. 1, 1987) (codified as amended at 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c)). These regulations track the language of the 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) and explain (1) that the "best efforts" demonstration is subject to Regional Administrator approval, (2) that the owner or operator is not relieved of all responsibility to cleanup a release beyond the facility boundary where off-site access is denied, and (3) that on-site measures are to be determined on a case-by-case basis. 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c).

#### IV. ARGUMENT

This Board should grant the Air Force's Petition for Review due to Region 10's failure to comply with the regulatory requirements directing the agency to specifically provide its justification and factual, policy, and legal bases for the 2023 Permit in the accompanying fact sheet. Region 10 also significantly modified a permit dating back to 2003 and, in doing so, altered longstanding FFAs at JBER that have been in place for nearly three decades. These failures hindered the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the significance of the new permit terms. Moreover, the 2023 Permit contains several clearly erroneous matters of law. The Permit goes well beyond EPA's statutory and regulatory authority to impose beyond the facility

corrective actions and, as a result, also undermines the Secretary of the Air Force's sole authority to acquire land for the Air Force. Additionally, the permit terms at Condition III.A.2. fall outside of RCRA's waiver of sovereign immunity and may violate the Anti-Deficiency Act. Moreover, the 2023 Permit contravenes the longstanding FFAs and attempts to improperly extend the definition of "hazardous constituent." For these reasons, this Board should remand the Permit to Region 10 for reconsideration.

#### A. The Air Force Satisfies the Requirements of a Petition for Review of the Permit

This Board should grant the Air Force's Petition for Review because (1) the appeal is timely filed, (2) Region 10 failed to comply with its regulatory requirements which, in turn, impacted the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the significance of the modified permit terms, and (3) even if the terms were "reasonably ascertainable," this Permit implicates significant statutory and policy concerns warranting review.

First, this Petition is timely filed in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(3). Region 10 issued this Final Permit on September 30, 2023, and the appeal was filed on October 30, 2023 – within the 30-day deadline.

Second, although the Air Force did not submit comments during the comment period, this Board should grant review due to the procedural defects in the permitting process which hindered the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the justification and significance of the new permit conditions.

EPA regulations provide that all "reasonably ascertainable" issues and reasonably available arguments are to be raised before the close of the public comment period. 40 C.F.R. § 124.13. EPA's regulations also provide that the agency is to prepare a fact sheet in connection with every draft permit that sets forth the principal facts and significant factual, legal,

methodological, and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit. *Id.* at § 124.8(a). The fact sheet *must* provide a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions, including references to the applicable statutory or regulatory provisions and appropriate supporting references to the administrative record. *Id.* at § 124.8(b)(4).

Region 10 made a number of significant changes to JBER's HWM permit – yet the fact sheet (or any other document contained in the presumptive administrative record) fails to set forth the "principal facts and significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy questions" Region 10 considered in preparing the draft. Likewise, the fact sheet fails to provide a summary of the bases for the new permit conditions.

For decades, the Air Force has been operating under a HWM permit at JBER that merely discussed EPA's authority pursuant to Section 6924(u) to require corrective action, as necessary, to protect human health and the environment. 2003 Permit at 31, ¶ IV.A.1; 2010 Permit at 32, ¶ IV.A.1. Then, in 2023, without warning, identification, discussion, or justification, EPA included a provision adding a requirement for corrective action beyond the facility boundary that goes well beyond the statutory and regulatory "best efforts," as discussed more thoroughly in Section IV.B. of this Petition. Yet, the fact sheet contains no discussion regarding EPA's interpretation of 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) and its implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c). Moreover, neither the fact sheet nor any other document in the administrative record provides any "basis for the draft permit conditions" or sets forth any factual, legal, methodological, or policy questions considered regarding the new, expansive corrective action

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Additionally, as this Board has explained, permit conditions not required by final regulations must be defended as appropriate on a case-by-case basis to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate burdens upon the permittee. *In re Caribe General Electric Products, Inc.*, 8 E.A.D. 696, 703 (EAB 2000) (*citing In re General Motors Corp., Delco Moraine Div.*, 4 E.A.D. 334, 343 n.15 (EAB 1992)). This is also absent from the administrative record.

requirements contained at Condition III.A.2. of the Permit. The relevant portion of the fact sheet merely contains boilerplate language, stating, "Part III of the draft Permit outlines requirements for implementing corrective actions measures to protect human health and the environment from any hazardous waste releases or constitutes from any SWMU at the Facility, regardless of when the waste was place in the unit. This section of the draft permit establishes . . . JBER's obligations related to corrective action." Fact Sheet at 7.

Likewise, the draft permit, the fact sheet, and supporting documentation fail to discuss the subtle, yet significant modification to the interplay between the FFAs and this HWM Permit. As discussed above, the EPA added EAFB and Fort Richardson to the NPL in 1990 and 1994, respectively. 2023 Permit at 17. The Air Force, EPA, and ADEC have been operating under FFAs since 1991 (EAFB) and 1994 (Fort Richardson). Id. Since that time, the FFAs have served as the primary vehicle for cleanup at JBER. This was reflected in both the 2003 and 2010 permits. The 2003 permit expressly stated, "the corrective action for [EAFB] will be satisfied by the FFA . . . . Compliance with the FFA is made a condition of this permit . . . . " 2003 Permit at 31, ¶ IV.A.2. The 2003 permit notes that the FFAs satisfy the corrective action requirement of 40 C.F.R. § 261.101 except for (1) SWMUs that the parties to the FFA transfer to the RCRA permit, (2) SWMUs the parties to the FFA formally identify as outside the scope, (3) newly identified SWMU that parties to the FFA identify as outside the scope of the FFAs, and (4) SWMUs that are discovered after the termination of the FFA. 2003 Permit at 31, ¶ IV.A.2(a)-(d). The 2023 Permit purports to make corrective action under the permit apply to all newly discovered SWMUs that are not specifically identified in writing as within the scope of the FFAs. 2023 Permit at 18. Thus, without discussing it with the Air Force or addressing this potential change in the context of the FFA, the 2023 Permit seeks to expand upon an exception to the general rule

that newly-identified SWMUs would fall under the FFAs. Again, the fact sheet and presumptive administrative record fail to discuss these significant changes.

Finally, the fact sheet and administrative record also failed to highlight the changes to the definition of "hazardous constituent" in the 2023 Permit. If Region 10 is seeking to expand its regulatory definition via a permit, the administrative record should support, or at least discuss, the justification for doing so.

Taken together, Region 10 failed to properly prepare a fact sheet in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.8, which, in turn, hindered the Air Force from reasonably ascertaining the scope and significance of these new permit conditions. Specifically, the fact sheet, or for that matter any portion of the presumptive administrative record,<sup>2</sup> fails to address (1) the bases for the inclusion of the new beyond-the-facility corrective actions at Condition III.A.2., which requires the Air Force to "exhaust all options," (2) the legal and policy justifications for the subtle, yet significant modification to the permit terms that affects the interplay between the FFAs and the HWM Permit; and (3) the bases for modifying the definition of "hazardous constituent."

Third, even if this Board determines Region 10's procedural errors did not impact the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the scope of the new permit conditions, this Board should, nevertheless, grant review given the importance of the issues involved. This Board has granted review in the past even when there are questions regarding whether the procedural requirements were followed.

The Board, *In re Christian County Generation*, recognized "[i]n a few cases involving compelling circumstances, the Board has referred to the importance or significance of an issue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 40 C.F.R. § 124.18 states the administrative record for a final permit shall consist of all comments and responses, other documents contained in the supporting final, and the final permit, among other requirements. The Air Force was unable to locate any reference in the presumptive administrative file addressing these new permit conditions, including the permit and its nearly 600 pages of attachments.

when reaching the merits of an issue notwithstanding some uncertainty regarding whether the issue was properly preserved." 13 E.A.D. 449, 461 n.20 (EAB 2008). The Board cited both *In re Campo Landfill Project*, 6 E.A.D. 505 (EAB 1996), and *In re Marine Shale Processors, Inc.*, 5 E.A.D. 751 (EAB 1995), as examples of petitions raising significant questions. The petitioners in *Campo* challenged a decision by EPA to issue a final new source review preconstruction permit for a municipal solid waste landfill. *Campo*, 6 E.A.D. at 506. Specifically, petitioners challenged the manner in which the EPA calculated offsetting emission reductions. *Id.* The Board ultimately held that the issues raised by petitioners were not reasonably ascertainable during the comment period but added "given the importance of the offset requirement, we can exercise our discretion to consider the issue on that basis as well." *Id.* at 519 n.19.

The petitioners in *Marine Shale* challenged EPA Region VI's decision to deny a RCRA Permit since petitioners did not meet the specific definition of "industrial furnace." E.A.D. at 756-57. The EPA argued that the Board should dismiss petitioner's claims because they failed to preserve the issues for review. *Id.* at 763 n.11. Although the Board found that some of the issues were properly raised, it also held "given the importance of the issues involved and the fact that the Region (in responding to comments on the proposed permit denial) proceeded to address many of these issues, the Board has decided that, regardless of which issues were or were not raised during the comment period, the Board will examine the merits of [the] petition." *Id.* (emphasis added) (citing American Farm Lines v. Black Ball Freight Services, 397 U.S. 532, 539 (1970) (Agency may relax procedural rules if the ends of justice so require); *In re Genessee Power Station Limited Partnership*, PSD Appeal Nos. 93-1 through 93-7, 4 E.A.D. 832 at 837 n.5 (EAB. Sep. 8, 1993) (excusing failure to comply with filing requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 124.19 given the nature of the deficiency and the importance of the issues involved)).

This Petition for Review, arguably, has further reaching impacts than the denial of one facility's RCRA Permit (Marine Shale) and the specific manner in which offset emission reductions are calculated (Campo). In relevant part, the Air Force raises issues of whether EPA can purport to impose expansive and onerous requirements for corrective action beyond the facility boundary that far exceed the relevant statutory and regulatory authority of the agency. The contested provision also seeks to impose requirements on the Air Force that it cannot impose on any private parties, which violates RCRA's waiver of sovereign immunity. Moreover, the onerous and expansive requirements that the condition purports to impose, including requiring the military department to pursue condemnation of land and take other drastic corrective action beyond the facility, contravene the Secretary of the Air Force's land acquisition authorities under 10 U.S.C. § 2663. The Permit also alters longstanding FFAs that have been in place for three decades and expands EPA's authority to change the regulatory process of applying newly regulated hazardous constituents to a permit. Additionally, the Permit runs afoul of the ADA in that it presumptively coerces action to obligate funds to require actions that are not legally required. Thus, even if this Board finds that Region 10's failure to comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.9 did not hinder the Air Force's ability to reasonably ascertain the permit terms, it nevertheless should grant review given the significance of the issues involved.

## B. Condition III.A.2 is Inconsistent with RCRA and its Implementing Regulations and Constitutes a "Legislative Rule"

The terms at Condition III.A.2 seek to impose requirements that far exceed the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. In short, the Permit defies the plain meaning of RCRA Section 3004(v), 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v), and its implementing regulations. Condition III.A.2. also constitutes a "legislative rule," triggering the need for notice-and-comment rulemaking, because

it substantively changes the existing requirements in EPA's regulations and binds the Air Force as a permit condition.

As explained in the Legal Background section above, Congress directed EPA to promulgate regulations to set performance standards for corrective action, including the specific directive to require corrective action beyond the facility boundary. 42 U.S.C. § 6924(a) & (v). Specifically, RCRA provides that EPA shall amend its corrective action regulations:

"...to require that corrective action be taken beyond the facility boundary where necessary to protect human health and the environment *unless* ... the owner or operator ... demonstrates to the satisfaction of the [EPA] Administrator that, despite the owner or operator's *best efforts*, the owner or operator was *unable to obtain the necessary permission* to undertake such action."

42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) (emphasis added).

Pursuant to Congress's directive in 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v), EPA promulgated regulations for owners and operators regarding corrective action beyond the facility. 52 Fed. Reg. 45,798 (codified, as amended, at 40 C.F.R. § 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c)). These regulations track the "best efforts" language of the 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) and assign responsibility to the Regional Administrator to determine if the "best efforts" requirement has been satisfied. 40 C.F.R. § 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c). The regulations also explain that that the owner or operator is not relieved of all responsibility to cleanup a release beyond the facility boundary where off-site access is denied, and that on-site measures are to be determined on a case-by-case basis. *Id.* 

The rulemaking further explained that EPA solicited comments on how "best efforts" should be defined, and what kind of documentation should be required. 52 Fed. Reg. 45,790. Commenters questioned the need for rigid or defined rules as to what constitutes "best efforts," making note that each circumstance is different. *Id.* Other commenters suggested that a certified letter to the owner requesting access should suffice to demonstrate "best efforts" to obtain

permission. *Id.* EPA explained that it agreed with the commenters who argued for a flexible, case-by-case approach in determining what constitutes "best efforts." *Id.* It explained that EPA would consider a number of factors when assessing "best efforts," including the necessity of the off-site investigation, the extent and significance of the release, the contacts made between property owners, and the reasonableness of the efforts. *Id.* EPA further explained that the owner/operators may be required, on a case-by-case basis, to implement certain corrective measures on-site to clean-up releases beyond the facility boundary if such measures are necessary to protect human health and the environment so long as they are possible, legal, and effective. *Id.* at 45,791.

Accordingly, through its promulgation of its regulations, EPA has clearly and unambiguously interpreted the requirements for owners and operators for corrective action beyond the facility boundary in 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v). Specifically, the rules provide that if corrective action beyond the facility boundary is necessary to protect human health and the environment, the permittee is to implement corrective action beyond the facility boundary unless the permittee can show that despite its "best efforts" it was unable to secure necessary approvals. The Regional Administrator is to make a determination of whether the permittee's "best efforts" were satisfactory, considering the facts and circumstances of the situation. Additionally, on-site measures may be needed to cleanup releases beyond the facility boundary.

The 2023 HWM Permit departs significantly from the controlling regulations and EPA's stated intentions of the rules. Significantly, the permit replaces the "best efforts" standard with a mandatory "exhaust all options" requirement that goes far beyond the meaning or intent of the statute and regulations. Indeed, the permit goes even further to expressly list actions that the Air Force is required to take, such as purchasing affected land—actions which are not similarly

required of other owners or operators. 2023 Permit at 18, ¶ III.A.2. The Air Force, of course, is not relieved of responsibility to cleanup any releases that migrate beyond the facility boundary, but the terms at Condition III.A.2. defy the plain meaning of Section 6924(v) and its implementing regulations. Additionally, Region 10 is seeking to extend the regulatory standard even further by including a non-exhaustive list of off-site actions that the Air Force must pursue to meet the regulatory requirements (i.e., "The Permittee must exhaust all options to implement corrective action beyond the facility property boundary, including but not limited to purchasing affected property by eminent domain, relocating affected populations to new housing, and offering to finance and construct satisfactory water supply utilities to affected properties before making a demonstration, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 264.101."). Thus, Condition III.A.2 seeks to replace the "best efforts" regulatory requirement with "exhaust all options" and includes a non-exhaustive list of things that the Air Force must pursue to satisfy the regulatory requirement. This is not merely listing potential options for corrective actions – it is seeking to mandate specific actions that are far beyond the requirements set by EPA in its regulations and contrary to EPA's explanation of its intentions when it promulgated the rules. Condition III.A.2., thus, is clearly erroneous as a matter of law.

Condition III.A.2 also seeks to impose a legislative rule, which first requires promulgation of new regulations through notice and comment rulemaking. In general, there are two types of regulations: interpretive and legislative:

An interpretive rule simply states what the administrative agency thinks the [underlying] statute means, and only "reminds" affected parties of existing duties. On the other hand, if by its action the agency intends to create new law, rights or duties, the rule is properly considered to be a legislative rule.

*United Technologies Corp. v. EPA*, 821 F.2d 714, 718 (D.C. Cir. 1987) (internal citations omitted). <sup>3</sup>

The Administrative Procedures Act ("APA") requires notice and comment rulemaking for legislative rules. 5 U.S.C. § 553. The contested permit provision purports to supplant the clear and unambiguous EPA interpretation of 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) contained at 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c) with more expansive requirements. For EPA to impose this requirement, it must first promulgate new regulations through notice and comment rulemaking. As the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals noted in *U.S. Telecom. Ass'n v. FCC*, "if an agency adopts 'a new position inconsistent with' an existing regulation, or effects 'a substantive change in the regulation,' notice and comment are required." 400 F.3d 29, 35 (D.C. Cir. 2005) (quoting *Shalala v. Guernsey Mem'l Hosp.*, 514 U.S. 87, 100 (1995)).

Indeed, courts have found permit conditions are "the clearest possible example of a legislative rule' because it is intended to impose new duties, rights, and obligations on permit holders." *National Ski Areas Ass'n, Inc. v. U.S. Forest Service*, 910 F. Supp. 2d 1269, 1282 (D. Colo. 2012) (quoting *Mission Group Kansas, Inc. v. Riley*, 146 F.3d 775, 784 (10th Cir. 1998)).

A key factor in assessing whether an agency action amounts a legislative rule or a mere interpretation depends, in large part, on whether the action is binding. For example, petitioners in *Iowa League of Cities v. EPA* appealed two letters EPA sent to Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa, arguing these letters established new regulatory requirements for processes at municipally owned sewer systems. 711 F.3d 844, 854 (8th Cir. 2013). EPA argued that the guidance letters

Circuit stated that the requirements of 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) requiring an owner or operator to use best efforts to take corrective action beyond the facility boundary "is satisfied if the owner or operator 'is unable to obtain the necessary permission to undertake such action." 821 F.2d at 722.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *United Technologies* related to a challenge to the 1985 EPA rulemaking discussed in the Legal Background Section above. At that time, the controlling regulations at issue in this case were not yet promulgated, but EPA indicated that it intended to implement 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) directives on a case-by-case basis. In dicta, the D.C.

merely reflected existing regulatory requirements. *Id.* The court disagreed holding that the letters constituted "promulgations" since the letters had a binding effect on the regulated entities. *Id.* at 863. The court found:

When an agency creates a new "legal norm based on the agency's *own authority*" to engage in supplementary lawmaking, as delegated from Congress, the agency creates a legislative rule. Expanding the footprint of a regulation by imposing new requirements, rather than simply interpreting the legal norms Congress or the agency itself has previously created, is the hallmark of legislative rules [which requires rulemaking under the APA].

Id. at 873 (emphasis in original) (citations omitted). Likewise, in *National Ski Area*, the court held that a Forest Service directive that created binding legal obligations that Forest Service line officers then inserted into ski area permits constituted a "legislative rule" since the clauses imposed new rights and obligations beyond the existing statutory and regulatory language. 910 F. Supp 2d at 1281.

The terms at Condition III.A.2. purport to bind the Air Force, and Region 10 is creating a new legal norm based on their own authority (*i.e.*, Region 10 is engaging in supplementary rulemaking). The permit is unlawful because it seeks to impose requirements in contravention of the APA requirement for notice and comment rulemaking for legislative rules by seeking to change the requirement from "best efforts" to "must exhaust all options." That is, Region 10 is "[e]xpanding the footprint of a regulation by imposing new requirements, rather than simply interpreting the legal norms Congress or the agency itself has previously created." *Iowa League of Cities*, 711 F.3d at 873. Thus, this Condition is invalid under the APA and clearly erroneous as a matter of law.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If this Board finds that the permit conditions constitute a "legislative rule," the conditions may also violate the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 603 *et seq.*, which requires agencies to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis examining the impacts of regulations on small businesses. 5 U.S.C. §603(a); *U.S. Cellular Corp v. FCC*, 254 F.3d 78,88 (D.C. Cir. 2001) ("[The RFA] obliges federal agencies to assess the impact of their regulations on small businesses).

Moreover, the substantive requirements in this condition significantly depart from EPA's explanation of the requirements included in the final rule. The draft permit, fact sheet, and all other accompanying documentation in the presumptive administrative record are devoid of any explanation as to whether there is an existing or threatened release that may go beyond the facility boundary, the extent and significance of the release, and what measures the permittee has made to secure access. Yet, Condition III.A.2 includes a non-exhaustive list of actions that the Air Force must do to "exhaust all options" to otherwise satisfy 40 C.F.R. § 264.101. EPA explained that it wrote the regulatory provision to be flexible, based on the facts and circumstances of the situation, and based on whether such measures are necessary to protect human health and the environment, and if they are possible, legal, and effective. 52 Fed. Reg. 45,791. Yet, the 2023 Permit purports to pre-determine that unless the Air Force condemns the land, relocates affected populations to new housing, and offers to finance and construct satisfactory water utilities to affected properties, it will not be found to satisfy the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.101.<sup>5</sup> This is a significant departure from EPA's stated intentions of this regulation. Moreover, because it is a permit requirement, this condition would presumptively be enforceable by EPA under this permit or through a citizen suit. 42 U.S.C. § 6972(a)(1). This Condition, thus, is clearly erroneous as a matter of law.

By way of illustration, to resolve RCRA enforcement actions where EPA alleges violations of environmental statutes, EPA and private parties have entered consent decrees that detail efforts that are required to remedy the specific deficiencies that gave rise to the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As noted above, *supra* note 1, permit conditions not required by final regulations must also be defended as appropriate on a case-by-case basis to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate burdens upon the permittee. *In re Caribe General Electric Products, Inc.*, 8 E.A.D. 696, 703 (EAB 2000) (*citing In re General Motors Corp., Delco Moraine Div.*, 4 E.A.D. 334, 343 n.15 (EAB 1992)). This is also absent from the administrative record.

enforcement action. *See*, *e.g.*, *United States v. Nucor Corp.*, 2000 EPA Consent LEXIS 899 (Dec. 19, 2000). In the *Nucor* consent decree, the case-specific requirements relating to securing off-facility permissions were tied to the "best efforts" statutory and regulatory requirement. *Id.* at \*68. Specifically, the consent decree stated that "best efforts" would include at a minimum, a certified letter to the present owner requesting access agreements, and payment of reasonable sums of money in consideration of granting such access. *Id.* Additionally, the consent decree requires the private party to notify EPA if they are unable to secure access agreements, and if so, EPA may assist in obtaining access. *Id.* at \*68-\*69. EPA also has authority under the decree to secure access and undertake EPA approved work on the property. *Id.* at \*69. Thus, even in a situation so serious as to require EPA to file an enforcement action, the enforcement consent decree limits the actions required to presenting a certified letter and payment of reasonable sums of money in consideration of such access.

Considering the foregoing, Condition III.A.2 is clearly erroneous as a matter of law and raises important policy considerations that EAB should, in its discretion, review given the wideranging implications of this new found authority at any site in the United States requiring corrective action beyond the facility. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

### C. The Power to Purchase or Condemn Land is vested in the Secretary of the Air Force – not the EPA

Condition III.A.2. not only exceeds EPA's authority under RCRA, but also seeks to usurp the Secretary of the Air Force's sole authority to acquire land for military operations. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2663, the Secretary of a military department has authority to acquire land via purchase or condemnation for certain limited military purposes, such as constructing military training camps or manufacturing facilities. 10 U.S.C. § 2663(a)-(b); *See also Southern Pacific Land Co. v. United States*, 367 F.2d 161, 162 (9th Cir. 1966), cert. denied, 386 U.S. 1030 (1967)

(affirming district court holding that the extent and nature of land to be acquired by the military is solely within the authority of the applicable Secretary). Furthermore, 10 U.S.C. § 2664 expressly outlines limitations on military departments acquiring real property, noting "[n]o military department may acquire real property not owned by the Untied States unless the acquisition is expressly authorized by law." 10 U.S.C. § 2664(a).

Read together, military departments, including the Department of the Air Force, are prohibited from acquiring property, either via purchase or condemnation, unless the Secretary makes the specific findings outlined in Section 2663. The EPA, thus, does not have the authority to direct the Air Force to "exhaust all options" for corrective actions including "purchasing affected property by eminent domain." 2023 Permit at 18, ¶ III.A.2. To do so, undermines the Secretary of the Air Force's statutory discretionary authority. This is clearly erroneous as a matter of law and raises important policy consideration that the EAB should, in its discretion, review. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

#### D. Condition III.A.2 is Inconsistent with RCRA's Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Condition III.A.2 is also discriminatory towards the Air Force and does not fall within RCRA's limited waiver of sovereign immunity since it purports to require the Air Force to take actions that are not and cannot be imposed on other "persons."

As sovereign, the United States, in the absence of its consent, is immune from suit or state regulation. *Library of Congress v. Shaw*, 478 U.S. 310, 315 (1986) (citing *U.S. v. Sherwood*, 312 U.S. 584 (1941)). RCRA contains a limited waiver for federal facilities as to "[f]ederal, State, interstate, and local requirements, both substantive and procedural . . . respecting control and abatement of solid waste or hazardous waste disposal and management *in the same manner, and to the same extent, as any person is subject to such requirements*." 42

U.S.C. § 6961(a) (emphasis added).<sup>6</sup> Waivers of immunity must "be construed strictly in favor of the sovereign and not enlarge[d] . . . beyond what the language requires." *Ruckelshaus v. Sierra Club*, 463 U.S. 680, 685 (1983) (quoting *McMahon v. U.S.*, 342 U.S. 25, 27 (1951); *Eastern Transp. Co. v. U.S.*, 272 U.S. 675, 686 (1927) (internal citations removed)). The RCRA waiver, thus, does not extend to permit provisions that EPA lacks authority to lawfully impose – *i.e.*, to terms that are not applied "in the same manner, and to the same extent, as any person is subject to such requirements."

Condition III.A.2 seeks to impose additional requirements than those that are or could be required for similarly situated "persons." Condition III.A.2 requires the Air Force to "purchas[e] affected property by eminent domain" to satisfy the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.101. It is axiomatic that private persons cannot condemn land. Additionally, neither 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v) nor EPA's implementing regulations require private owners or operations to seek to purchase affected property to satisfy their "best efforts." The limited waiver is to apply in "the same manner, and to the same extent, as any person." A reviewing court strictly construing the waiver would find that the contested provision is unlawful because it seeks to impose more requirements than EPA seeks to impose on a private person.

Additionally, by purporting to replace the requirements in the EPA's regulations with the contested language in Condition III.A.2, Region 10 seeks to make the Air Force pursue off-base corrective actions to all ends. Based on a reasonable interpretation of the implementing regulations and EPA's own statements, other permittees have the option of demonstrating to the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Several federal environmental statutes contain identical limiting language in their respective waivers of sovereign immunity. *See* Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7418 ("in the same manner, and to the same extent, as any nongovernmental entity"); Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1447 ("in the same manner, and to the same extent, as any person"); Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(a)(1) ("in the same manner and to the same extent . . . as any nongovernmental entity"); Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1323(a) ("in the same manner, and to the same extent as any nongovernmental entity").

EPA Administrator that they have taken their "best efforts" to implement the corrective actions. 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.100(e)(2) & 264.101(c). For example, in 2021 this Board approved a consent decree in the matter of *US Technology Media, Inc.* wherein the parties defined the efforts needed to satisfy "best efforts" for beyond the facility corrective actions. The Final Order states:

To the extent that work being performed pursuant to this CA/FO must be done beyond the facility's property boundary, Respondent shall use its best efforts to obtain access agreements necessary to complete work required by this CA/FO from the present owner(s) of such property within forty-five (45) calendar days of approval of any Facility Work Plan for which access is required. Best efforts as used in this paragraph shall include, at a minimum, a certified letter from Respondent to the present owner(s) of such property requesting access agreement(s) to permit Respondent . . . .

In re: US Technology Media, Inc., Docket Nos. RCRA-HQ-2021-5006, RCRA-04-2021-2110(b), RCRA-05-2022-0001, RCRA-08-2022-0001, Final Consent Decree at 19, ¶ 103.7 Although the consent decree is not binding on the parties to this dispute, it is nevertheless illustrative of the "best efforts" process outlined in RCRA and its implementing regulations. The type of "best efforts" in the US Technology consent decree also mirrors what EPA initially considering when promulgating the regulations. 52 Fed. Reg. 45,790 ("[T]he Agency believes that efforts to seek permission should, at a minimum, be demonstrated through a certified letter (or equivalent demonstration) from the owner/operator."). Requiring a Permittee to "exhaust all options" is a stark difference than sending a certified letter requesting an access agreement.

Thus, Condition III.A.2 seeks to impose additional requirements on the Air Force that are not and cannot be imposed on a private person. As such, the contested condition is not within RCRA's limited waiver of sovereign immunity. This is clearly erroneous as a matter of law and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Available at:

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raises important policy consideration that the EAB should, in its discretion, review. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

#### E. Condition III.A.2 is Inconsistent with the Anti-Deficiency Act

Purporting to require the Air Force to "exhaust all options" to implement corrective action beyond the facility boundary and pursue a non-exhaustive list to satisfy the regulatory standard serves as an open-ended, potentially unrestricted liability, which runs afoul of the ADA, 31 U.S.C. § 1341. Moreover, Condition III.A.2. is otherwise unenforceable as a matter of law and, thus, the Air Force is prohibited from obligating funds under the ADA since these are unnecessary expenses. As such, this condition is clearly erroneous.

The ADA prohibits an officer or employee of the federal government from either (1) making or authorizing an expenditure or obligation exceeding the amount that Congress has appropriated, or (2) involving the government in a contract or obligation for the payment of money before an appropriation is made. 31 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1). The ADA is often described as placing restrictions on the "purpose, time, and amount" of government obligations. Office of the Gen. Counsel, U.S. Gen. Accounting Office, Principles of Federal Appropriations Law at 1-23 (4th ed. 2016). The Comptroller General and Court of Claims have repeatedly held that "contractual agreements that create contingent liabilities for the Government serve to create obligations of funds just as much as do agreements creating definite or certain liabilities. The contingent nature of the liability . . . does not so lessen its effect on appropriations as to make it immune to the limitations of [the Antideficiency Act]." *Johns-Manville Corp. v. United States*, 12 Cl. Ct. 1 , 25 (1987) (citing 63 Comp. Gen. 145, 147 (1984)) ("All types of contingent liabilities involve a risk that occurrence of the applicable contingency could result in an

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Available at: https://www.gao.gov/assets/2019-11/675699.pdf

obligation in excess of available funds."); *See also* Office of the Gen. Counsel, U.S. Gen. Accounting Office, Principles of Federal Appropriations Law at 6-59 to 6-70 (3d. ed. 2006) (discussing dozens of cases involving indeterminate liabilities).

The Federal Circuit Court of Appeals has succinctly summarized the ADA's purpose and background: "The statute addressed the problem that Executive Branch officials were obligating funds before they were appropriated by Congress, and then making deficiency requests for appropriations that Congress had little choice in deciding because government agencies had basically committed the United States to make good on its promises." *Cessna Aircraft Co. v. Dalton*, 126 F.3d 1442, 1448-1449 (Fed. Cir. 1997) (citing 59 Comp Gen. 369, 372 (1980)).

Condition III.A.2. creates contingent, open-ended liability for otherwise unenforceable permit terms, and, thus, violates the ADA. Although the 2023 Permit contains a statement that "no provision . . . shall be interpreted to require the Permittee to obligate funds in violation of the [ADA]," the Permit nevertheless requires the Air Force take extra-lawful requirements, as discussed in Section IV.B. of this Petition (*i.e.*, Condition III.A.2 seeks to hold the Air Force to a higher "exhaust all options" standard). As currently written, Condition III.A.2 also includes a non-exhaustive list of required actions that the Air Force *must* comply with – purchasing affected property, relocating affected populations, and financing and constructing water supply utilities. The cost to pursue such action is (1) beyond what is otherwise required to meet the legal standard, and therefore an "unnecessary expense" under the ADA and (2) creates a contingent, open-ended liability in violation of the ADA. Condition III.A.2., in effect, serves as a "coercive deficiency" and thus is clearly erroneous as a matter of law. *Matter of: Project Stormfury - Austl. - Indemnification*, 1980 U.S. Comp. Gen. LEXIS 144, \*7 (Comp. Gen. April 4, 1980) (finding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Available at: https://www.gao.gov/assets/2019-11/202819.pdf

that a binding contract that contains a clause violating the ADA creates a "coercive deficiency" for Congress to appropriate additional money).

In sum, Condition III.A.2. forces the Air Force to obligate funds for unnecessary expenses that are otherwise unenforceable as a matter of law and creates an open-ended, contingent liability. This violates the purpose, time, and amount provisions of the ADA and is clearly erroneous as a matter of law and raises important policy consideration that the EAB should, in its discretion, review. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

#### F. The 2023 Permit Contravenes the FFAs

The 2023 Permit upsets the long-standing process for cleanup at JBER under the FFAs. The Permit not only contradicts the plain meaning of the FFAs but also the recent actions of the parties. Prior to the consolidation of Elmendorf AFB and Fort Richardson, both installations entered into FFAs with the EPA and ADEC pursuant to CERCLA. 2023 Permit at 17. These FFAs remain in effect today and have served as the primary tool for hazardous waste cleanup at JBER for the past three decades.

The general purposes outlined in both FFAs underscore that they are to serve as the primary cleanup tool at JBER. The Elmendorf FFA states, "the purposes of this Agreement are to . . . . [a]ssure compliance, through this Agreement, with RCRA and other federal state and hazardous waste laws and regulations for matters covered herein . . . ." Elmendorf FFA at 13, ¶ 3.2(e). This language is mirrored in the subsequent Richardson FFA. Richardson FFA at 11, ¶ 3.1(f). Likewise, both FFAs specifically discuss CERCLA-RCRA integration. Elmendorf FFA at 15-17; Richardson FFA at 13-15. The agreements proclaim that "[t]he Parties intend to integrate [] CERCLA response obligations and RCRA corrective actions obligations that relate to the release(s) of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, pollutants, or contaminants covered by this

Agreement into this comprehensive Agreement. Therefore, the Parties intend that the activities covered by this Agreement will achieve compliance with CERCLA . . . [and] satisfy the corrective action requirements of Sections 3004(u) and (v) of RCRA . . . . ." Elmendorf FFA at 15, ¶ 5.1; Richardson FFA at 13, ¶ 5.1.

The FFAs also contemplate the addition of newly discovered source areas and provide a means for modifying the agreements to include said units. For example, the Richardson FFA plainly states, "[t]he Army shall provide notification to U.S. EPA and ADEC within thirty (30) days of identifying a new potential source area. *Unless the Parties agree on another disposition, new source areas will be addressed under the last scheduled OU . . .*" Richardson FFA at 53, ¶ 24.3 (emphasis added). Likewise, under the EAFB FFA, "[a]ny ecological or human health cumulative risks effects which may become evident from the aggregate of source areas at EAFB not addressed in the prior OU RI/FS will be covered under [Operable Unit 6]." EAFB FFA at A-2, ¶ 2. That is, new source areas fall under OU-6 as a default. Thus, the FFAs clearly declare that they are to serve as the primary cleanup tool for response actions at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf AFB under CERCLA and RCRA. Moreover, both FFAs further provide that any modifications to the scope of work "may be effected by the *unanimous agreement*" of the parties. EAFB FFA at 60, ¶ 33.1; Fort Richardson FFA at 61-62, ¶ 33.1.

The parties entered into the first HWM permit in 2003, which incorporated the terms and provisions of the FFA. 2003 Permit at 31, ¶ IV.A.1. In the event the parties decided that the cleanup was outside of the FFA (*e.g.*, if the parties agreed to transfer a unit to the new HWM Permit or if a SWMU was discovered after the termination of the FFAs), then the cleanup would be addressed pursuant to the HWM permit's corrective action provisions. *See* 2003 Permit at 31, ¶¶ IV.A.2(a)-(d). The parties, thus, intended the HWM permit to serve as a backstop in the event

a cleanup fell outside the agreement. This same language was again mirrored in the 2010 permit. 2010 Permit at 32, ¶ IV.A.1.

This CERCLA-RCRA integration and relationship between the FFAs and HWM Permit has played out as intended between the parties. For example, in recent years the parties have agreed to incorporate a waste oil tank into the FFA and, as recent as 10 March 2023, the parties incorporated 19 sites exceeding per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") soil and groundwater regional screening levels into the FFA. Both incorporations are attached to this Petition. *See* Attachment I (Waste Oil Tank) & Attachment J (PFAS Sites). <sup>10</sup>

The 2023 Permit, however, alters the FFAs (and deviates from the 2010 and 2003 Permits) whereby anything not expressly included in the FFAs is transferred to the 2023 Permit. In essence, it flips the presumption under the FFAs wherein newly-discovered units fell within the agreement. Under the 2023 Permit, any newly-discovered unit would circumvent the FFA and fall directly under the HWM Permit. Moreover, as discussed above, this drastic upheaval of the FFA-HWM Permit relationship was not discussed in the fact sheet or administrative record. Upon information and belief, EPA did not discuss this change in the context of the FFA. And, the record contains no discussion as to the factual, legal, or policy bases for this modification.

Seeking to unilaterally change the way that environmental remediation is to occur at JBER by adding the contested provision was clearly erroneous under the arrangement and subsequent practice of the parties under the FFAs. Alternatively, if EPA believes that, notwithstanding the decades of operating under and the express language of the FFAs and prior permits, that EPA may unilaterally expand its corrective action authority under the HWM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> If Attachments I and J are not included in EPA's administrative record, the Air Force will timely move to supplement the record or take other appropriate action to ensure that these Attachments are considered by the Board in this Petition.

Permit, then it raises important policy consideration that EAB should, in its discretion, review. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

#### G. The Definition of Hazardous Constituent Is Inconsistent with RCRA

Region 10's modification of the definition of "hazardous constituent" in the Permit is inconsistent with RCRA and its implementing regulations. The plain language of RCRA's corrective action regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 264.101 requires corrective action only for specifically identified regulatory hazardous waste and constituents. The regulations further state that any statutory or regulatory requirements in a permit take effect *prior* to the issuance of said permit. 40 C.F.R. § 270.32(c) ("For a permit issued by EPA, an applicable requirement is a statutory or regulatory requirement . . . which takes effect prior to the issuance of the permit."). The regulations do provide a means for reopening EPA permit proceedings "where new requirements become effective during the permitting process . . . ." *Id.* Regulations that add new hazardous constituents to the list of regulated substances subject to RCRA corrective action may also provide a basis for a modification to a permit. 40 C.F.R. § 270.41(a)(3).

The 2003 Permit defines "hazardous constituent" as "any constituent identified in Appendix VII of 40 CFR Part 261, or any constituent identified in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 264." 2003 Permit at 9(h). This language is mirrored in the 2010 HWM Permit. 2010 Permit at 9(h). However, the 2023 Permit expands the definition of "hazardous constituent," which now incudes not only the constituents identified in Appendix VIII of 40 CFR Part 261 or constituents in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 264 *but also* "any newly regulated hazardous constituents." 2023 Permit at 3. This is improper since new regulations do not automatically expand the definition of "hazardous constituent," and by extension the scope of corrective action in existing permits. In essence, Region 10 is seeking to do an end-run around the legally prescribed procedures for

adding new constituents to a HWM permit. Rather than improperly expanding the definition of "hazardous constituent," EPA must follow the procedures in 40 CFR Part 270 to properly update the HWM Permit.

Additionally, the draft permit, fact sheet, and supporting documentation fail to provide a determination of necessity or otherwise provide a basis for proposing to make the definition of "hazardous constituent" in the HWM Permit inconsistent with the RCRA regulations. Thus, purporting to add "newly regulated hazardous constituents" to the definition of "hazardous constituents" is clearly erroneous as a matter of law and is inconsistent with EPA regulations and raises important policy consideration that EAB should, in its discretion, review. 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a)(4)(i)(B).

#### V. CONCLUSION

This Board should grant the Air Force's Petition to Review due to procedural defects during the permit process, which hindered the Air Force from reasonably ascertaining the scope and significance of the modified permit conditions. Region 10 failed to include in the Permit, the fact sheet, or anywhere in the presumptive record an explanation of the "principal facts and significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy questions" they considered when drafting the contested provisions. Additionally, the 2023 Permit contains several significant issues worthy of this Board's review even if the Board finds that there is some uncertainty regarding whether issues were properly preserved.

The Air Force challenges three specific permit terms. First, the terms at Condition III.A.2 are clearly erroneous as a matter of law. This disputed provision is unlawful because it attempts to hold the Air Force to a higher standard than what is contained at Section 6924(v) and EPA's implementing regulations. It is a legislative rule, requiring notice and comment rulemaking.

Condition III.A.2. purports to order actions that the Air Force alone has discretion to decide and that could not otherwise be imposed on private parties. This contested provision also violates the limited waiver of sovereign immunity because it seeks to impose requirements that are not and cannot be imposed on private persons. Condition III.A.2. also purports to obligate funds on an indefinite, contingent basis for actions that are not required by law, which violates the ADA.

This Permit also upsets the plain meaning of the FFAs by excluding any SWMUs that are not otherwise included in the current FFA – despite the fact that the FFAs specifically note "any new sources areas will be addressed under the [FFA]." Richardson FFA at 53, ¶ 24.3. This modification also undermines the recent practice between Region 10 and JBER wherein multiple units that were not originally included in the FFAs were recently added under the agreement. *See* Attachments I & J. Despite these significant departures from the 2003 and 2010 HWM Permits, Region 10 failed to discuss the justification or provide a basis for such drastic changes.

Third, Region 10 seeks to improperly modify the definition of "hazardous constituent" in contravention to RCRA and its implementing regulations. This attempt to change the permitting process is clearly erroneous as a matter of law.

Thus, the Air Force asks this Board to remand the Permit to Region 10 for reconsideration regarding (1) the terms contained at Condition III.A.2., (2) the scope of the Permit as it relates to the FFAs, and (3) the expanded definition of "hazardous constituent."

Date: October 30, 2023

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, REGIONAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE

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#### STATEMENT REQUESTING ORAL ARGUMENT

The Air Force is requesting oral argument for several reasons. Both parties are instrumentalities of the federal government, and, thus, the imposition of these permit conditions, which in the Air Force's view is beyond EPA's statutory mandate, has implications far beyond this permit. The EPA appears to have exceeded not only their own statutory and regulatory authority under RCRA but also is usurping the Secretary of the Air Force's sole authority regarding land acquisitions pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2663. The Permit also alters longstanding FFAs and cleanup at JBER that has been ongoing for nearly three decades. The implications of this Permit loom large and warrant oral argument.

#### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH WORD LIMITATION

I, Steven M. McKevett, hereby certify, in accordance with 40 CFR 124.19(d)(1)(iv), that this		
Petition for Review, including all relevant portions, contains less than 14,0000 words.		
DATE: October 30, 2023		

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Steven M. McKevett, hereby certify that, on October 30, 2023, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Review, via e-mail, to the following addresses:

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Sent via email to: vidargas.nick@epa.gov

U.S. EPA, Region 10

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On October 27, 2023, Assistant Regional Counsel Nick Vidargas consented to service via e-mail and provided the above-referenced email addresses for service. Mr. Vidargas indicated that his office would file an Acknowledgement of Consent with this Board upon the Air Force's filing of this Petition.

Dated on the 30th day of October 2023.

Steven M. McKevett

## **ATTACHMENT A**

# **FINAL** RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT EPA I.D. No. AK8 57002 8649 September 2023 Issued to: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Anchorage, Alaska

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#### HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 Seattle, Washington 98101 (206) 553-1200

Issued in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as amended, 42 United States Code (USC) § 6901 *et seq.* (RCRA), which incorporates the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and in accordance with the implementing regulations codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124 and 260 through 270.

ISSUED TO: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

EPA I.D. No.: AK8 57002 8649

This Permit is effective as of October 30, 2023, and shall remain in effect until October 29, 2033, unless revoked and reissued under 40 CFR § 270.41, or terminated under 40 CFR § 270.43, or continued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.51(a). This Permit will be reviewed five (5) years after the date of issuance, in accordance with Section 3005(c)(3) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c)(3), and 40 CFR § 270.50, and will be modified to assure that the facility continues to comply with the currently applicable requirements of Sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924 and 6925.

ISSUED BY: U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Timothy B. Hamlin, Director Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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#### INTRODUCTION

Permittee: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson EPA ID Number: AK8 57002 8649

Pursuant to RCRA and its implementing regulations as promulgated by the EPA, a hazardous waste facility permit is hereby issued to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (Permittee) for closure of an open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) unit and for corrective action at all solid waste management units (SWMUs) at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Facility, geographically located on 74,297 acres of land contiguous to the north side of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, at 61 degrees, 14 minutes north latitude and 149 degrees, 48 minutes west longitude (Facility).

The Permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of this hazardous waste facility permit. This Permit consists of the conditions contained herein (including those in any attachments), and the applicable regulations in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 260 through 270. Any management of hazardous waste at the Facility which is not authorized by this Permit is prohibited.

Nothing in this Permit shall limit the EPA's authority to undertake, or require any person to undertake, response action, corrective action, or enforcement action under any law, including, but not limited to, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 USC § 9601 *et seq*. (CERCLA) and RCRA. Nor shall any permit condition relieve the Permittee of any obligation under any law, including, but not limited to, § 103 of CERCLA, 42 USC § 9603, an obligation to report releases of hazardous waste, constituents, or substances to, at, or from the Facility.

Applicable federal regulations are those which are in effect on the date of final administrative action on this Permit and any self-implementing statutory provisions and related regulations which, according to the requirements of RCRA, are automatically applicable to the Permittee's hazardous waste management activities, notwithstanding the conditions of this Permit.

This Permit is based upon the administrative record, as required by 40 CFR § 124.9. The Permittee's failure in the Part B Permit Application or during the Permit issuance process to fully disclose all relevant facts, or the Permittee's misrepresentation of any relevant facts at any time, shall be grounds for the termination or modification of this Permit and/or initiation of an enforcement action, including criminal proceedings. The Permittee shall inform the Administrator of noncompliance with any condition of the Permit or changes to the information provided in the Part B Permit Application that might affect the ability of the Permittee to comply with applicable regulations and permit conditions, or which alter any of the conditions of the Permit in any way.

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This Permit includes requirements for corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents from all SWMUs at the Facility regardless of when the waste and/or constituent was placed in such unit.

The State of Alaska does not currently have an authorized RCRA program pursuant to § 3006 of RCRA, 42 USC § 6926. Therefore, this RCRA hazardous waste management facility Permit is issued by the EPA.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Permit, all definitions contained in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 260 through 270, are hereby incorporated by reference into this Permit. Where terms are not defined in the regulations or in this section of the Permit, the meaning associated with such terms shall be the standard dictionary definition, or their generally accepted scientific or industrial meaning. In addition to the preceding, the following definitions shall apply:

- "Administrator" shall mean the Region 10 Regional Administrator of the EPA or the designated representative. The Director, Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division, EPA, Region 10 (whose address is specified on page "i" of this Permit), is the duly authorized and designated representative of the Administrator for purposes of this Permit.
- "Daily" shall mean regular workdays, except that no more than four (4) consecutive calendar days shall fall between groups of "daily" activities required by this Permit.
- "Day" shall mean, unless otherwise noted, calendar time, e.g., thirty (30) days means thirty (30) calendar days.
- "Facility" shall mean all contiguous land, and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for treating, storing, or disposing of hazardous waste, or for managing hazardous secondary materials prior to reclamation. For purposes of implementing corrective action, the term shall mean all contiguous property under the control of the owner/operator.
- "Hazardous constituent" shall mean any constituent identified in Appendix VIII of 40 CFR Part 261, or any constituent identified in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 264, and any newly regulated hazardous constituents.
- "Open Burning/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Unit" shall mean the area adjacent to the Eagle River Flats wetlands and within the boundary of the Eagle River Flats impact area in the northwest sector of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson that was used for disposing of unexploded ordnance (UXO), unused propellants, rocket motors, small-arms ammunition, and other military munitions, by open burning/open detonation of the aforementioned hazardous waste.
- "**Permit**" shall mean this Permit issued by the EPA, Region 10 pursuant to RCRA and the regulations promulgated under RCRA.
- "Permittee" shall mean the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.
- "Range" shall mean the Eagle River Flats Firing Range.

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"Release" shall mean any spilling, leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, pumping, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of hazardous waste and/or constituents into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing hazardous waste and/or constituents).

"Solid waste management unit (SWMU)" shall mean any discernible unit at which solid wastes have been placed at any time, irrespective of whether the unit was intended for the management of solid or hazardous waste. Such units include any area at the Facility at which hazardous waste and/or constituents have been routinely and systematically released.

"Work" shall mean any activity the Permittee is required to perform under the Permit.

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#### **PART I - STANDARD CONDITIONS**

#### I.A. Effect of Permit

- I.A.1. The Permittee is required to close the OB/OD unit and to conduct corrective action for the Facility in accordance with the conditions of this Permit. Any treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste subject to regulation under 40 CFR Part 264 or 265 not authorized in this Permit is prohibited. Compliance with this Permit during its effective term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with 40 CFR Parts 264 through 270 for the hazardous waste activities identified and included in this Permit, except for any self-implementing provisions and related regulations promulgated pursuant to HSWA. All other requirements of RCRA, including the generator requirements of 40 CFR Parts 262 and 268, remain applicable to this Facility and are not replaced or affected by this Permit.
- I.A.2. Compliance with the terms of this Permit does not constitute a defense to any action brought under § 3007, 3008, 3013, or 7003 of RCRA (42 USC § 6927, 6928, 6934, or 6973); CERCLA; or any other federal or state law governing protection of public health or the environment. [40 CFR § 270.4]

#### I.B. Permit Actions and Modifications

- I.B.1. This Permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, as specified in 40 CFR §§ 270.41, 270.42, and 270.43.
- I.B.2. Filing a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or filing a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance on the part of the Permittee, does not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition.
- I.B.3. Except as provided by specific language in this Permit, any modification or change in a hazardous waste management practice covered by this Permit must be accomplished in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 or 270.42.
- I.B.3.a. A written request must be submitted at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to any proposed change in Facility design or operation, or not later than sixty (60) calendar days after an unexpected event has occurred which has affected the Permit. The Administrator will approve, disapprove, or modify this request in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.
- I.B.3.b. If the Permittee determines that the corrective action and/or groundwater

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monitoring programs required by this Permit no longer satisfy the requirements of the regulations, the Permittee must, within ninety (90) days of such determination, submit a written request for a permit modification to make those changes deemed necessary to satisfy the regulations.

#### I.C. Severability

- I.C.1. The provisions of this Permit are severable. If any provision of this Permit, or the application of any provision of this Permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this Permit shall not be affected thereby. Invalidation of any statutory or regulatory provision which forms the basis for any condition of this Permit does not affect the validity of any other statutory or regulatory basis for said condition.

  [40 CFR § 124.16(a)(2)]
- I.C.2. In the event that a condition(s) of this Permit is stayed for any reason, the Permittee shall continue to comply with the conditions of the Permit that are not stayed and to comply with conditions of the previous permit which correspond to the stayed condition(s) until final resolution of the stayed condition(s) unless the Administrator determines that compliance with the previous permit's conditions would be technologically incompatible with compliance with other conditions of this Permit which have not been stayed.

#### I.D. Personal and Property Rights

- I.D.1. The Permittee shall hold harmless and indemnify the EPA and its officers, employees, and agents from any claim, suit, or action arising from the activities of the Permittee or its contractors, agents, or employees under this Permit.
- I.D.2. Issuance of this Permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege, nor does issuance of the Permit authorize any injury to persons or property, any invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. [40 CFR § 270.30(g)]

#### I.E. <u>Duty to Comply</u>

I.E.1. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions of this Permit, except to the extent and for the duration such noncompliance is authorized by an emergency permit issued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.61. Any permit noncompliance, other than noncompliance authorized by an emergency permit, constitutes a violation of RCRA and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; and/or for denial of a permit renewal application.

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[40 CFR § 270.30(a)]

I.E.2. Compliance with the terms of this Permit does not constitute a defense to any action brought under Sections 3007, 3008, 3013, and 7003 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. §§ 6927, 6928, 6934, and 6973); CERCLA (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et. seq.); or any other federal or state law governing protection of public health or the environment.

#### I.F. Duty to Reapply

- I.F.1. If the Permittee wishes to continue an activity allowed by this Permit after the expiration date of this Permit, or if the Permittee is required to conduct post-closure care, or if the Permittee is required to continue corrective action obligations, the Permittee must reapply for and obtain a new permit, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.10(h) and 270.30(b).
- I.F.2 The corrective action obligations contained in this Permit will continue regardless of whether the Facility continues to operate or ceases operation and closes. The Permittee is obligated to complete facility-wide corrective action regardless of the operational status of the Facility.

#### I.G. <u>Continuation of Expiring Permit</u>

- I.G.1. This Permit and all conditions herein will remain in effect beyond the Permit's expiration date if the Permittee has submitted a timely, complete application (pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 270.10 and 270.13 through 270.29) and, through no fault of the Permittee, the Administrator has not issued or denied the new permit, as set forth in 40 CFR § 270.51. This Permit may be modified or revoked and reissued as necessary in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 and/or 40 CFR § 270.42.
- I.G.2. If the Permittee fails to submit a timely, complete application, as required herein, then these Permit terms and conditions will remain in effect beyond the Permit's expiration date until the EPA terminates the terms and/or conditions or the EPA takes other action to terminate the Permittee's obligation to submit an application or to otherwise comply with the terms and/or conditions.

#### I.H. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for the Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(c)]

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#### I.I. <u>Duty to Mitigate</u>

In the event of noncompliance with this Permit, the Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment and shall carry out such measures as are reasonable to prevent significant adverse impacts to human health or the environment. Such mitigation shall not be a defense to an enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(d)]

#### I.J. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance/quality control procedures.

This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Permit. No provision of this Permit shall be interpreted to require the Permittee to obligate funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341. [40 CFR § 270.30(e)]

#### I.K. <u>Duty to Provide Information</u>

The Permittee shall furnish to the Administrator, within a reasonable time, any relevant information which the Administrator may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Permit, or to determine compliance with this Permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Administrator, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this Permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.74(a), and 270.30(h)]

#### I.L. Inspection and Entry

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(i), the Permittee shall allow the Administrator, or authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law to:

I.L.1. Enter at reasonable times upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or hazardous waste management activity or corrective action activity is or may be

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located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this Permit;

- I.L.2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Permit;
- I.L.3. Inspect the Facility at reasonable times, including, but not limited to, any facilities, units, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Permit; and
- I.L.4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring Permit compliance, or as otherwise authorized by RCRA, at any location.

#### I.M. <u>Monitoring and Records</u>

I.M.1. Samples and measurements taken by the Permittee for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.

The method used to obtain a representative sample of the waste to be analyzed must be the most recent appropriate method from Appendix I of 40 CFR Part 261.

The Permittee shall use techniques and procedures consistent with the most recent EPA's guidance when collecting, preserving, shipping, analyzing, tracking, and controlling samples. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(1)]

I.M.2. Except as specifically required elsewhere (i.e. Permit Condition I.Y), the Permittee shall retain at the facility, records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports and records required by this Permit, certification required by 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9), and records of all data used to complete the application for this Permit for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the sample, measurement, report, record, certification, or application.

This period may be extended by the Administrator at any time by notification, in writing, to the Permittee and is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the Permit until the successful conclusion of any enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(2)].

I.M.3. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(j)(3), records of groundwater and air monitoring information, specific to post-closure and corrective action, shall specify:

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- I.M.3.a. The dates, exact places identified by GPS coordinates, and times of sampling or measurements:
- I.M.3.b. The name, title, and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- I.M.3.c. The dates the analyses were performed;
- I.M.3.d. The name, title, and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- I.M.3.e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- I.M.3.f. The results of such analyses, including the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) summary.
- I.M.4. The Permittee may substitute analytical methods which are equivalent to those specifically approved for use in this Permit if:
- I.M.4.a. The Permittee submits to the Administrator a request for substitution of an analytical method(s) which is equivalent to the method(s) specifically approved for use in this Permit, including information demonstrating that the proposed method(s) is equal or superior to the approved analytical method(s) in terms of sensitivity, accuracy, and precision (i.e., reproducibility); and,
- I.M.4.b. The Administrator notifies the Permittee, in writing, that the substitution of the analytical method(s) is approved. Such approval shall not require a permit modification.

#### I.N. Reporting Planned Changes

The Permittee shall give notice to the Administrator as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the OB/OD unit at the Facility, or of any activity that will physically alter or add to the OB/OD unit or result in noncompliance with permit requirements. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(1)]

#### I.O. Reporting Anticipated Noncompliance

The Permittee shall give advance notice, in writing, to the Administrator of any planned change(s) in the permitted Facility or any activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. If advance notice is not possible, then the Permittee shall give notice within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the anticipated noncompliance. Such notice does not

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authorize any noncompliance with this Permit or modification of this Permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(2)]

#### I.P. <u>Transfer of Permit</u>

This Permit may be transferred to a new owner or operator only if it is modified or revoked and reissued pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 270.40(b), 270.41(b)(2), and 270.42.

Before transferring ownership or operation of the facility during its operating life, the Permittee shall notify the new owner or operator in writing of the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 264 and 270 and this Permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.12 and 270.30(l)(3)]

#### I.Q. <u>Twenty-four Hour Reporting</u>

- I.Q.1. The Permittee shall report to the Administrator any noncompliance with the Permit which may endanger human health or the environment. Any such information shall be reported orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. The report shall include the following:
- I.Q.1.a. Information concerning the release of any hazardous waste and/or constituents that may cause an endangerment to public drinking water supplies; and
- I.Q.1.b. Any information of a release or discharge of hazardous waste and/or constituents or a fire or explosion relating to hazardous waste management at the Facility which could threaten the environment or human health.
- I.Q.2. The description in the oral report of the occurrence and its cause shall include:
- I.Q.2.a. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator;
- I.Q.2.b. Name, address, and telephone number of the Facility;
- I.Q.2.c. Date, time, and type of incident;
- I.Q.2.d. Name and quantity of material(s) involved;
- I.Q.2.e. The extent of injuries, if any;
- I.Q.2.f. An assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and human health

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outside the facility, where this is applicable;

- I.Q.2.g. The estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident; and
- I.Q.2.h. A qualitative review of actions taken, intended responses, and remedial actions.
- I.Q.3. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) calendar days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance, its extent, and its cause; the period(s) of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. The Administrator may waive the five (5) day written notice requirement in favor of a written report within fifteen (15) days.

#### I.R. Other Noncompliance

The Permittee shall report to the Administrator all other instances of noncompliance not otherwise required to be reported in the monitoring reports, compliance schedules, and twenty-four (24) hour reports above, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Permit Condition I.Q. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(10)]

#### I.S. Other Information

Whenever the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in the permit application or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Administrator, the Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information to the Administrator. [40 CFR § 270.30(l)(11)].

#### I.T. <u>Signature and Certification</u>

Failure to submit the information required in this Permit, or falsification of any submitted information, is grounds for enforcement, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.43.

The Permittee shall ensure that all plans, reports, notifications, and other submissions to the Administrator required in this Permit are signed and certified, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.11.

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#### I.U. Reports, Notification and Submissions

All reports, notifications, or other submissions which are required by this Permit to be sent or given to the Administrator must be sent by email, electronic file transfer, certified mail, or given directly to:

Brett Feldhahn, RCRA Project Manager Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, MS 15-H04 Seattle, Washington 98101 Telephone number: (206) 553-2899

Note: This is the current address and phone number and may change without modification of the Permit.

#### I.V. <u>Confidential Information</u>

The Permittee may claim confidential any information required to be submitted by this Permit to the extent allowed by and in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 260.2 and 270.12.

#### I.W. Documents to be Maintained at the Facility

The Permittee shall maintain at the Facility until closure and corrective action are completed and certified by an independent registered professional engineer, whichever comes later, and have readily available for inspection the following documents, and amendments, revisions, and modifications to these documents:

- I.W.1. Contingency Plan (Attachment 3 to this Permit) as required by 40 CFR § 264.53(a) and this Permit;
- I.W.2. Closure Plan (Attachment 7 to this Permit), as required by 40 CFR § 264.112(a) and this Permit;
- I.W.3. Inspection schedule(s), as required by 40 CFR § 264.15(b) (2);
- I.W.4. This Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit, including all attachments;
- I.W.5. RCRA Part B Permit Application, dated December 2021, including all attachments:

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I.W.6.	Assessment reports for all incidents that require implementation of the Contingency Plan;
I.W.7.	Record of all spills and releases at and/or from the Facility;
I.W.8.	Copies of all other environmental permits associated with the Facility;
I.W.9.	Well construction, maintenance, and replacement records; and
I.W.10.	All sampling records and data analysis, including raw data.

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#### PART II. CLOSURE OF THE OB/OD UNIT

#### II.A. Prohibition of Use of OB/OD Unit

Open burning, open detonation, and other hazardous waste treatment is prohibited at the OB/OD unit.

## II.B. Environmental Performance Standards for OB/OD Unit, 40 CFR Part 264 Subpart X

Reserved.

#### **II.C.** Amendment of Closure Plan

At least ninety (90) days prior to the date when the use of the Range will cease, or within ninety (90) days after a request from the Administrator, the Permittee shall submit to the EPA for review and approval a revised closure plan, including a schedule, for closure of the OB/OD unit, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.112. The revised closure plan must meet the requirements of 40 CFR §§ 264.111 through 116. The EPA will modify the Permit to incorporate the revised closure plan in accordance with the applicable procedures in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.

#### **II.D.** Notification of Closure

- II.D.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the Permittee expects to begin closure of the OB/OD unit, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.112(d).
- II.D.2. Removal of waste or decontamination or dismantling of equipment at the OB/OD unit is prohibited until the Permit has been modified to include the revised and approved closure plan as specified in permit condition II.C and notification provided to the Administrator in accordance with Permit Condition II.D.1.
- II.D.3. Once the Permit has been modified to include the revised closure plan as specified in Permit Condition II.B, and notification provided as specified in II.D.1, the Permittee shall implement closure of the OB/OD unit in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR §§ 264.111 through 116 and the approved revised closure plan.

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#### II.E. <u>Disposal or Decontamination of Equipment, Structures, and Soils</u>

The Permittee shall decontaminate and/or remove and dispose of all contaminated equipment, structures, and/or soils, as required by 40 CFR § 264.114 and the approved revised closure plan.

#### **II.F.** Certification of Closure

The Permittee shall certify that the hazardous waste OB/OD unit has been closed, in accordance with the specifications for closure in the approved revised closure plan, as required by 40 CFR § 264.115.

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### PART III. CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

Section 3004(u) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6924, and 40 CFR § 264.101, require that all Permits issued after November 8, 1984, address corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from any SWMU at a treatment, storage, or disposal Facility seeking the Permit, regardless of when the waste was placed in the unit or whether the unit is closed. Those sections further require that Permits issued under Section 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925, contain schedules of compliance for corrective action (where corrective action cannot be completed prior to Permit issuance). Section 3004(v) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6924(v), authorizes the Administrator to require that corrective action be taken by the Facility Owner or Operator beyond the Facility boundary when necessary to protect human health and the environment, unless the Owner or Operator demonstrates to the Administrator's satisfaction that permission to undertake such action, despite the owner/operator's best efforts, was denied. Section 3005(c)(3) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c)(3), requires that each Permit issued under that section shall contain terms and conditions as the Administrator determines necessary to protect human health and the environment. The Administrator has delegated authority to perform all actions necessary to enforce this Permit to the Director of the Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division, the EPA, Region 10 (hereafter referred to as "Director") or the Director's designated representative.

On March 13, 1989 (54 FR 10520), the EPA adopted a policy for listing Federal Facility sites that are eligible for the National Priorities List (NPL), even if they are also subject to the corrective action authorities of Subtitle C of RCRA. The NPL is the EPA's list of CERCLA (more commonly known as Superfund) sites that pose the greatest threat to human health and the environment, based on a site assessment process. The EPA added Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson to the NPL in 1990 and 1994, respectively. The facilities were merged in 2010, thereby becoming Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The Department of Defense (DOD) established the Defense Environmental Restoration Program to address sites that are within the responsibility of the DOD under CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). The Air Force, the EPA, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) signed a CERCLA Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) for Elmendorf AFB in November 1991. The Army, the EPA, and ADEC signed a CERCLA FFA for Fort Richardson in December 1994. The FFAs provide a framework for CERCLA response actions to be performed at JBER, including the investigation and cleanup of contamination. Though the facilities have been merged, the FFAs currently remain separate, and the sites will continue to be managed under the terms of the original FFAs. If the original FFAs are amended, then this Permit will be modified to incorporate the amended FFAs.

Consequently, the Facility is subject to RCRA, CERCLA and ADEC's applicable cleanup authorities. The EPA will coordinate actions under RCRA and CERCLA to address overlapping cleanup requirements.

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The Permittee shall, pursuant to § 3004(u) of RCRA and regulations codified at 40 CFR § 264.101, institute corrective action as necessary to protect human health and the environment for all releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents from any SWMU at the Facility regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit. The Fort Richardson Federal Facility Agreement and the Elmendorf Air Force Base Federal Facility Agreement, entered into by the Permittee and the Administrator pursuant to § 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, are existing mechanisms currently being used to investigate and clean up releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents as necessary to protect human health and the environment at the Facility. Investigations and cleanups conducted under the FFAs are expected to meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate state and federal requirements, including RCRA. The FFAs are incorporated by reference into this Permit and included as Attachments 6 and 7.

The corrective action for the Facility will be satisfied by performance of actions pursuant to the FFAs, except for those SWMUs not covered by the FFAs as specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 below:

- 1. The Corrective Action permit conditions (Permit Conditions III.A through III.K, below), apply to: those SWMUs that the Parties to the FFAs transfer to this RCRA Permit; newly discovered SWMUs formally identified as outside the scope of the FFAs; and newly discovered SWMUs that are not expressly included in writing as within the scope of the FFAs.
- 2. The Corrective Action permit conditions (Permit Conditions III.A through III.K, below) also apply to those SWMUs that are discovered or have not completed corrective action after termination of the FFAs.

#### III.A. Standard Conditions

- III.A.1. The Permittee must take corrective action as necessary to protect human health and the environment from all releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents from any SWMU at the Facility, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit, in accordance with § 3004(u) of RCRA, 42 USC § 6924(u), 40 CFR §§ 264.90(a) and 264.101.
- III.A.2. The Permittee must take corrective action beyond the facility property boundary where necessary to protect human health and the environment, in accordance with § 3004(v) of RCRA, 42 USC § 6924(v), and 40 CFR § 264.101. The Permittee must exhaust all options to implement corrective action beyond the facility property boundary, including but not limited to purchasing affected property by eminent domain, relocating affected populations to new housing, and offering to finance and construct satisfactory water supply utilities to affected properties before making a demonstration, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.101.

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- III.A.3. All plans and schedules for corrective action required by the conditions of this Permit are, upon approval of the Administrator, incorporated into this Permit by reference and become an enforceable part of this Permit. Any noncompliance with such approved plans and schedules shall be deemed noncompliance with this Permit.
- III.A.4. If the Administrator determines that further corrective action beyond the requirements of this Permit is warranted, then the Administrator shall modify this Permit according to the permit modification processes under 40 CFR § 270.41.
- III.A.5. All raw data, such as laboratory reports, geological and hydrogeological investigations, bench-scale or pilot-scale data, and other supporting information gathered or generated during activities undertaken pursuant to this Permit, including any reissued permits, shall be provided at the request of the Administrator.

#### III.B. Reporting Requirements

- III.B.1 The Permittee shall submit to the Administrator a signed and certified annual corrective action progress report each December which shall contain:
- III.B.1.a. A discussion and summary of all corrective action-related activities undertaken during the time period, including remediation activities conducted under the FFAs;
- III.B.1.b. Summaries of all problems or potential problems encountered during the reporting period and the actions taken to rectify these problems;
- III.B.1.c. A list of construction projects that generated regulated hazardous waste and their locations; and
- III.B.1.d. Projected work for the next reporting period.
- III.B.2. The Permittee shall maintain copies of other corrective action reports (e.g., inspection reports); geological and hydrogeological investigations; records of groundwater monitoring wells, including boring logs, and associated groundwater surface elevations; and all laboratory data, including raw data, for the active life of the Facility, and shall make them available to the Administrator upon request.

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III.B.3. The Administrator may require the Permittee to conduct new or more extensive assessments, investigations, or studies, as needed, based on information provided in these progress reports or other supporting information.

## III.C. Newly-Identified, Newly-Discovered, or Newly-Created Solid Waste Management Units

- III.C.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing of any newly-identified, newly-discovered, or newly created SWMU(s). This notice shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after discovery of the newly-identified, newly-discovered, or newly-created SWMU(s).
- III.C.2. Within ninety (90) calendar days after the notification provided in accordance with Permit Condition III.C.1., the Permittee shall prepare a SWMU Assessment Report for the SWMU. At a minimum, the Report shall provide the following information for each newly-identified, newly-discovered, or newly-created SWMU:
- III.C.2.a. The location of each such SWMU in relation to other SWMUs, building numbers, or other descriptive landmarks;
- III.C.2.b. The type and function of the SWMU;
- III.C.2.c. The general dimensions, capacities, and structural description of the SWMU (supply all available drawings);
- III.C.2.d. The period during which the SWMU was operated;
- III.C.2.e. Waste characterization information for all wastes that have been or are being managed at the SWMU; and
- III.C.2.f. A description of any release (or suspected release) of hazardous waste and/or constituents originating from the SWMU, including planned or unplanned releases to the air and any other media. Include information on the date of release, type of hazardous waste and/or constituents, quantity released, nature of the release, extent of release migration, and cause of release (e.g., overflow, broken pipe, tank leak). Also provide any available data which characterizes the nature and extent of environmental contamination, including the results of air, soil and/or groundwater sampling and analysis efforts. Also submit any existing monitoring information that shows that a release of hazardous waste and/or constituents has not occurred or is not occurring.

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III.C.3. Based on the results of this Report, the Administrator shall determine the need for further investigations at specific unit(s) covered in the SWMU Assessment Report. If the Administrator determines that such investigations are needed, the Administrator will require the Permittee to prepare a RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) workplan and/or RFI report, within a specified time and consistent with the EPA's guidance, subject to the Administrator's approval. The RFI Workplan and/or Report are subject to the dispute resolution procedures of Permit Condition III.K. If the Administrator determines that corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to implement corrective measures.

#### III.D. Newly-Discovered Releases at Solid Waste Management Units

- III.D.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator, in writing, of any newly-discovered release(s) of hazardous waste and/or constituents from any SWMU. The Permittee shall investigate and, if necessary, remediate the discovered release(s). Such releases may be from newly-identified or newly-created SWMUs, from SWMUs at which the Administrator had previously determined that no further investigation was necessary, or from SWMUs investigated as part of this Permit. This notification shall be submitted in two parts:
- III.D.1.a. First, within fifteen (15) calendar days of discovery of the release, the Permittee shall submit in writing an initial notification of the discovery. This notification shall alert the Administrator to the immediacy and extent of the threat to human health and/or the environment.
- III.D.1.b. Second, within sixty (60) days of discovery of the release, the Permittee must submit a written report. The report shall discuss the Permittee's efforts to investigate and/or remediate the discovered release and shall specifically include:
  - i. the concentrations and estimated quantities of any hazardous waste and/or constituents released;
  - ii. the known, or expected, pathway(s) through which the contamination is migrating (or may migrate), and the extent, rate, and direction of that migration;
  - iii. the projected fate and transport of the release;
  - iv. the likely exposure pathway(s) for potential receptors, and the consequences of exposure to these receptors; and

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- v. an outline of proposed Interim Corrective Measures to control the release, as well as a schedule for implementing the Interim Corrective Measures. The schedule must be justified by a discussion of possible consequences arising from any delay in implementing Interim Corrective Measures.
- III.D.2. Within ninety (90) days of discovery of a release, the Permittee shall submit a Report describing the Interim Corrective Measures activities taken to date. This Report shall include the reporting requirements specified in Permit Condition III.B. If the Administrator determines that additional investigation or corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to investigate and perform additional Interim Corrective Measures, or the Administrator may initiate a permit modification.

#### III.E. RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Workplan

- III.E.1. If the Administrator determines that an RFI is necessary for any newly-discovered or newly-created SWMU or for a newly discovered release under Permit Condition III.C. or III.D., or needed to further investigate an existing SWMU, the Permittee shall submit an RFI Workplan to the Administrator. The RFI Workplan must identify the SWMUs, releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents, and media of concern which require corrective action. The RFI Workplan, which must be approved by the Administrator, should be consistent with the EPA's current corrective action guidance, including RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Guidance, OSWER Directive 9502.00-6C, dated May 1989.
- III.E.1.a. The RFI Workplan shall describe the objectives of the investigation and the overall technical and analytical approach to completing all actions necessary to characterize the nature, direction, rate, movement, and concentration of releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents from specific SWMUs or groups of SWMUs, and their actual or potential receptors. The RFI Workplan shall detail all proposed activities and procedures to be conducted at the unit, the schedule for implementing and completing such investigations, an outline of the RFI Report required in Permit Condition III.F.1, and the overall management of the RFI. The RFI Workplan shall include screening levels consistent with the EPA's health and ecological based guidance effective at the time of implementation.
- III.E.1.b. In addition, the RFI Workplan shall discuss sampling and data collection quality assurance and data management procedures, including formats for documenting and tracking data and other results of investigations, and health and safety procedures for conducting the field work.

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- III.E.2. After the Permittee submits the RFI Workplan, the Administrator may either approve or disapprove the RFI Workplan in writing. If the Administrator disapproves the RFI Workplan, the Administrator shall either: (1) notify the Permittee in writing of the deficiencies in the RFI Workplan and specify a due date for submittal of a revised RFI Workplan; or (2) revise and approve with modification the RFI Workplan and notify the Permittee of the revisions. Submittals required by this permit condition do not require a permit modification, and are subject to the dispute resolution procedures in Permit Condition III.K.
- III.E.3. The Administrator may review for approval as part of the RFI Workplan any plans developed pursuant to Permit Condition III.C.3., addressing further investigations of newly-identified SWMUs, or Permit Condition III.D., addressing new releases from previously-identified SWMUs. The Administrator may modify this Permit according to the permit modification procedures in 40 CFR § 270.41 to incorporate these SWMUs and releases into the RFI Workplan.
- III.E.4. After the Permittee has received written approval from the Administrator for the RFI Workplan, the Permittee shall begin implementation of the RFI according to the schedules specified in the approved RFI Workplan. The RFI shall be conducted in accordance with the approved RFI Workplan.

#### III.F. RCRA Facility Investigation Final Report

- III.F.1. The Permittee shall develop and submit a RFI Final Report. The Report should be consistent with the EPA's current corrective action guidance, including <u>RCRA</u> Facility Investigation Guidance, OSWER Directive 9502.00-6C, dated May 1989.
- III.F.2. Within ninety (90) calendar days after the completion of the RFI and/or receipt of validated data, the Permittee shall submit an RFI Final Report to the Administrator. The RFI Final Report shall describe the procedures, methods, and results of all facility investigations of SWMUs and their releases, including information on the type and extent of contamination at the Facility, sources and migration pathways, and actual or potential receptors. The RFI Final Report shall present all information necessary to support further corrective action decisions at the unit.

#### III.G. Additional Interim Corrective Measures

III.G.1. If at any time the Administrator determines that a release or potential release of hazardous waste and/or constituents at the Facility poses a threat to human health or the environment, the Administrator will notify the Permittee that it must submit a Workplan, including a schedule, for conducting Interim Corrective Measures

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designed to minimize the threat to human health and the environment. Upon the Administrator's approval of the Workplan, the Permittee shall implement the approved Interim Corrective Measures according to the approved schedule. Interim Corrective Measures are subject to the dispute resolution procedures in Permit Condition III.K. Implementation by the Permittee of treatment or containment activities during "immediate response," as defined in 40 CFR § 264.1(g) (2), to a discharge of hazardous waste and/or constituents, or an imminent and substantial threat of a discharge of hazardous waste and/or constituents, or a discharge of material which, when discharged, becomes a hazardous waste, is not subject to this Permit. Actions taken to address the discharge after the immediate response is completed are subject to this Permit.

- III.G.2. The following factors may be considered by the Administrator in determining the need for additional Interim Corrective Measures:
- III.G.2.a. Time required to develop and implement a final remedy;
- III.G.2.b. Actual and potential exposure of human and environmental receptors;
- III.G.2.c. Actual and potential contamination of drinking water supplies and sensitive ecosystems;
- III.G.2.d. Potential for further degradation of the medium absent the additional Interim Corrective Measures;
- III.G.2.e. Presence of hazardous waste in containers or tanks that may pose a threat of release;
- III.G.2.f. Presence and concentration of hazardous waste and/or constituents in soils, ground water, surface water, or air;
- III.G.2.g. Weather conditions that may affect the current levels of contamination or potential for exposure;
- III.G.2.h. Risks of fire, explosion, or accident; and
- III.G.2.i. Other situations that may pose a threat to human health and the environment.

#### **III.H.** Corrective Measures Study

III.H.1. If the Administrator has reason to believe that a SWMU has released concentrations of hazardous constituents in excess of the EPA's current health-

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and ecological-based levels, or if the Administrator determines that contaminants present at levels below the EPA's current health-based levels pose a threat to human health and the environment given site-specific exposure conditions, the Administrator may require a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) and, if so, shall notify the Permittee in writing. This notice shall identify the hazardous constituents(s) which have exceeded action levels as well as those which have been determined to present a potential threat to human health and the environment given site-specific exposure conditions.

- III.H.2. No later than sixty (60) calendar days after the Permittee has received notification from the Administrator, under Permit Condition III.H.1., of the need for a CMS, the Permittee shall submit to the Administrator a schedule for conducting a CMS. Upon the Administrator's approval of the schedule, the Permittee shall implement the CMS according to the approved schedule. The CMS should be consistent with the EPA's guidance.
- III.H.3. The Permittee shall submit a CMS Final Report according to the schedule approved by the Administrator pursuant to Permit Condition III.H.2. The CMS Final Report shall summarize the results of the investigations for each remedy, and of any bench-scale or pilot tests conducted. The CMS Final Report must include an evaluation of each remedial alternative, and a proposal for corrective measures implementation. The CMS Final Report shall contain adequate information to support the Administrator in the remedy selection decision-making process, described in Permit Condition III.I.
- III.H.4. Based on preliminary results and the CMS Final Report, the Administrator may require the Permittee to evaluate additional remedies or particular elements of one or more proposed remedies and modify the CMS Final Report accordingly, within a timeframe specified by the Administrator. Modifications to the CMS Final Report are subject to the dispute resolution procedures of Permit Condition III.K.

#### III.I. Remedy Selection

Based on the results contained in the RFI Final Report, CMS Final Report, or any further evaluations of additional remedies, the Administrator will propose to select a remedy that will: (1) be protective of human health and the environment; (2) meet the concentration levels of hazardous constituents in each medium that the remedy must achieve to be protective of human health and the environment; (3) control the source(s) of release(s) so as to reduce or eliminate, to the maximum extent practicable, further releases that might pose a threat or potential threat to human health and the environment; and (4) meet all applicable waste management requirements.

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#### III.J. Permit Modification for Remedy

Based on information the Permittee submits in the RFI Final Report, the CMS Final Report, or other information, the Administrator will initiate a modification to this Permit for selection and implementation of the remedy, pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.41. The modification will include conditions that require submittal of corrective measures design, implementation, and monitoring plans. The Permittee shall implement the selected remedy after the modification is effective and the Administrator has approved the corrective measures design, implementation, and monitoring plans.

#### III.K. <u>Dispute Resolution</u>

- III.K.1. If the Administrator rejects or modifies, in whole or in part, any submission required by this Permit where dispute resolution procedures are identified as applicable, the following procedures shall apply:
- III.K1.a. The Administrator will use best efforts to notify the Permittee in writing of either a rejection with comments of a submission or modification of a submission (Notice) no later than sixty (60) days from the date the submission is received. To the extent appropriate, such Notice will:
  - i. Identify problems with the submission and any modifications to be made;
  - ii. Provide an explanation and documentation or data to support the complete or partial rejection of, and any modification to, the submission; and
  - iii. Identify a date by which either objections to the Notice or a document revised in accordance with comments that includes any required modifications must be received from the Permittee. Such date shall not be less than thirty (30) calendar days from the date the Permittee receives the Notice under Permit Condition III.K.1.a.
- III.K.1.b. If the Permittee submits objections to the Notice, the Permittee and the EPA staff person(s) responsible for reviewing the submission (the "permitting staff") will attempt to resolve any disputes over the submission informally. If requested by the Permittee, a meeting will take place between the permitting staff and the Permittee to discuss the submission. Unless otherwise agreed to by the permitting staff in writing, the EPA will use best efforts to hold the meeting at the EPA, Region 10's office in Seattle, Washington, or by teleconference, no later than sixty (60) days from receipt of Permittee's written request to discuss the submission.

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III.K.1.c. If agreement is not reached between the permitting staff and the Permittee within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date the permitting staff receives the Permittee's objections to the Notice (the "informal dispute resolution period"), the Permittee must submit either written arguments and evidence to the EPA official authorized to make final permit decisions (the Decision Maker) or a document revised in accordance with comments that includes any required modifications. The written arguments and evidence or revised document shall be submitted to the Decision Maker within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of the informal dispute resolution period at the following address:

Director

Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101 Telephone number: (206) 553-1271

III.K.1.d. If written arguments and evidence are submitted by the Permittee to the Decision Maker, the Decision Maker will promptly resolve the dispute. The Decision Maker's resolution of the dispute will include a written response to the evidence and arguments submitted by the Permittee.

The Permittee shall comply with the Decision Maker's decision regardless of whether the Permittee agrees with the decision. The Decision Maker's resolution of the dispute is not subject to administrative or judicial appeal.

III.K.2. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrator, invocation of dispute resolution by the Permittee shall not extend, postpone, or affect in any way any obligation of the Permittee under this Permit not directly in dispute.

# **ATTACHMENT B**

#### **FACT SHEET**

## DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PERMIT

#### JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

#### EPA NO. AK8 57002 8649

#### July 2023 draft

This fact sheet presents the principal facts pertaining to a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) proposes to reissue to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage, Alaska. The reissued Permit will update the hazardous waste facility permit and corrective action requirements at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson facility. This fact sheet was prepared by EPA in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 124.8. The draft Permit is based on an administrative record which is available to the public for review.

#### A. PURPOSE OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS

The purpose of the permitting process is to design specific administrative and operational requirements under which the Permittee must operate to comply with the hazardous waste management requirements promulgated under RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and regulations adopted thereunder by EPA in 40 C.F.R. Parts 124 and 260 to 270.

The EPA is required to prepare a draft Permit which sets forth in one concise document all the applicable requirements that the EPA intends to require the Permittee to comply with during the ten-year duration of the permit. The public is given forty-five (45) days to review and comment on the draft Permit conditions prior to the Agency taking any final action on the draft Permit.

### B. PROCEDURES FOR REACHING A FINAL DECISION

Section 7004(b) of RCRA and 40 C.F.R. § 124.10 require that the public be given forty-five (45) days to comment on each draft RCRA Permit. The comment period will begin on July 24, 2023, and will end September 7, 2023. Any person interested in commenting on this draft Permit must do so within this forty-five (45) day comment period.

Comments on the draft Permit must be submitted in writing on or before September 7, 2023, to Brett Feldhahn at <u>feldhahn.brett@epa.gov</u>. Comments should include all reasonable available references, factual grounds and supporting material.

If there is significant interest in holding a public hearing and a request for a public hearing is received on or before August 23, 2023, then EPA may conduct a public hearing virtually or in person. If held, the hearing will take place on September 4, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time.

There will not be a public hearing unless significant public interest in doing so is communicated to Brett Feldhahn by August 23, 2023. To find out if a hearing will be held, check the EPA Website at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/proposed-hazardous-waste-permit-joint-base-elmendorf-richardson-alaska">https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/proposed-hazardous-waste-permit-joint-base-elmendorf-richardson-alaska</a> after August 25, 2023.

When making a determination regarding the issuance of this Permit to the U.S. Army and Air Force, the EPA will consider all written comments received during the public comment period, comments received during the public hearing, the requirements of the hazardous waste regulations, and the Agency's permitting policies.

When EPA makes a final decision to either issue, deny, or modify the draft Permit, if there have been comments on the draft Permit, notice will be given to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final decision. The final decision shall become effective no sooner than thirty (30) days after the notice unless a review is requested pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19.

#### C. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

#### Location

The JBER facility is located on 74,297 acres of land contiguous to the north side of the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, at 61 degrees, 14 minutes north latitude and 149 degrees, 48 minutes west longitude (Facility).

JBER is the largest Air Force installation in Alaska. Its mission is to provide support for the air defense and sovereignty of Alaska and North America. JBER is also the home to one U.S. Army (Army) Brigade and the point of mobilization for Army forces in Alaska for conducting contingency operations within the Pacific Theater and elsewhere as directed.

The current JBER population consists of approximately 13,000 active-duty military personnel and approximately 18,500 of their dependents, as well as nearly 3,070 federal civilian employees. About half of the active-duty personnel and their dependents live on the base.

Land use within a one-quarter-mile radius of JBER boundaries consists of the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet to the west and north, the town of Eagle River to the east, and the Municipality of Anchorage to the south. The base is geographically bordered on the east by the Chugach Mountains.

The Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet provides natural access control to the west and north of the base. The State-owned Alaska Railroad enters the base in the northern section and exits to the south. Access to JBER is restricted through six gates located along various sections of the base.

Elevation at JBER ranges from 200 feet above mean sea level to 3,900 feet at Site Summit. The prevailing wind direction is west to north, averaging three to seven knots. Natural vegetation varies from shrubs and grasses to wetlands, coastal forests and alpine tundra with the expected transitional phases interspersed.

JBER lies in a transitional climatic zone between the maritime zone to the south and the interior/continental to the north. The base is protected, and the climate moderated, by mountains to the north and south both from lush, humid, warm climes in the summer and bitter dry cold in the winter. Cook Inlet also serves as a local influence on temperature and climate. The average summer high temperature at JBER is 65 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and the average winter low temperature is 7°F. JBER receives approximately 15 inches of rainfall and 77 inches of snowfall annually (CSU 2004).

JBER encompasses portions of the upper drainage area of Ship Creek, the lower drainage areas of Ship Creek and Eagle River, the Chugach foothills and mountains, glacial moraine

plains, and estuaries. Peters Creek in the northern portion of JBER, and north Eagle River, drains a small portion of the base as do Chester Creek and Campbell Creek in the southern portions of the base. None of these lesser three streams receives storm water runoff from the urbanized main cantonment area of the base. Runoff to these three drainage systems is mainly from natural terrain that is infrequently used for military training exercise. Surface water runoff from the main industrialized areas is limited almost entirely to Ship Creek by way of four state-permitted outfall points. Additionally, one outfall point exists at Cherry Hill and one at Six Mile Lake. Some incidental surface water sheet flow may enter Ship Creek outside of the urbanized cantonment area, but its contribution is small and is generally from un-urbanized natural terrain.

Groundwater at JBER exists as a deep confined aquifer, a shallow unconfined aquifer, and discontinuous zones of perched groundwater. The Bootlegger Cove formation constitutes much of the confining layer that separates the confined and unconfined aquifer. Depth to groundwater Att. 1-6 ranges from near surface along Ship Creek to greater than 250 feet below ground surface (bgs) among the thicker glacial deposits found in the northern section of JBER. Lenses of silt found 20 to 40 feet bgs often become unproductive or poorly productive after development. Water is known to recharge the groundwater system of JBER in several ways: groundwater seeps from bedrock fractures into the sediments along the Chugach Mountains to the east; snowmelt and rainfall infiltrate to the groundwater; and streams feed groundwater in areas where the elevation of the stream is above the water table. Discharge of the aquifer is either by groundwater flow to Knik Arm or into streams (e.g., Ship Creek, Eagle River) that ultimately discharge into Knik Arm. The overall trend in flow direction in the confined aquifer is to the northwest. However, data suggest that flow within the confined aquifer is also influenced by discontinuous fine-grained units that result in local groundwater flow directions that diverge from regional patterns.

The cantonment areas of JBER are situated on a flat outwash plain between the Chugach Mountains and the Knik Arm of the Cook Inlet. Training areas extend from the Eagle River Flats (ERF) to the hills of the Elmendorf moraine and the foothills of the Chugach Mountains. The surficial geology and glacial stratigraphy of JBER are extremely complex. The area is covered by glacial, glacial-marine, and glaciofluvial deposits of Quaternary Age. The JBER vicinity has three general geologic terrains: glacial deposits, alluvial deposits, and metamorphic rock. Glacial sediments deposited in the Cook Inlet basin during a series of five glacial periods in recent geologic history constitute the north and central portions of JBER. Terminal moraine deposits (the Elmendorf moraine) are present directly northwest of the main cantonment area. The soils of the Elmendorf moraine are composed of fine-grained, poorly sorted glacial materials (clays, silts, very fine sands), with interbedded heterogeneous layers of boulders, cobbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clays.

A large alluvial fan (Mountain View fan) emanating from the Eagle River Valley extends under the JBER cantonment area. The fan is bordered on the north by the Elmendorf Moraine and on the south by several low hills that protrude through younger glacial sediments. The hills are composed of ground moraine (glacial diamicton) that extends underneath the alluvial fan and probably below the Bootlegger Cove Formation. The fan slopes to the west-southwest and extends beneath parts of JBER and downtown Anchorage and is truncated to the west by sea bluffs along Knik Arm of Cook Inlet. Composed of stratified outwash, the fan was likely deposited by ice-marginal, glacially fed streams, primarily during outburst-flooding events from ice-dammed lakes in the Eagle River Valley.

#### **Hazardous Waste Accumulation**

JBER accumulates waste at the central accumulation area (CAA; Building 4314) and at satellite accumulation areas (SAAs) located in the main cantonment of JBER. The CAA and SAAs are not located in wetlands, critical habitat, or in areas where direct drainage to a lake is present.

Building 4314 is operated by JBER Environmental Compliance (673 CES/CEIEC). Hazardous Waste can be accumulated at this building for a maximum of 90 days without a permit in accordance with RCRA requirements. Units and/or organizations drop off wastes or schedule waste pick-ups through JBER Environmental staff. Appropriately labeled and containerized wastes are transferred from the CAA to a permanent disposal facility in accordance with all regulatory standards.

Building 4314 is an "H"-shaped structure. The western portion of the building, including the center connection area is a 14,076 square-foot single-story structure; the eastern portion is a 9,133 square-foot area. The western portion of the structure is utilized as the Civil Engineering Structural Shop. The eastern structure and canopy areas are utilized as hazardous waste storage/handling areas with a small area built out for offices. The main part of the eastern structure is a garage-style bay where wastes are managed and temporarily accumulated for less than 90 days. This wood framed building was constructed in the 1950s or 1960s. Building 4314 is surrounded by a six-foot-tall chain-link fence topped with barbed wire. A parking lot for personnel and visitors is located outside the fenced area, on the south side of the building. Access to the building is gained through a locked gate with a remote telephone and buzzer. Visitors to the building must request access into the area by contacting facility personnel on the remote phone system or pressing the buzzer.

There are 87 buildings with hazardous waste SAAs on JBER, each of which is serviced by the installation hazardous materials/hazardous waste management contractor. The number of accumulation sites may vary over time as the installation mission varies. The wastes that are received by the CAA and SAAs primarily result from vehicle, aircraft, and equipment maintenance activities. Most of the wastes are used oils, recyclable fuels, paint related materials, cleaning solvents, lead-acid batteries, universal waste, and expired or excess hazardous materials. The Part A permit application includes a complete list of RCRA-regulated wastes generated at JBER.

#### **Solid Waste Management Units**

A solid waste management unit (SMWU) is any discernable unit at which solid wastes have been placed at any time, irrespective of whether the unit was intended for the management of solid or hazardous wastes. There are 46 known SMWUs at JBER. Several are managed under operating units (OUs) in accordance with CERCLA, while others are managed by the State of Alaska as CERCLA-exempted petroleum releases. The SWMUs are managed under federal facilities agreements for both Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson. The table below includes a complete list of known SWMUs at JBER, including deferral type and site status.

2 A	AT029 AT035	FTRS-29	OU-A, Ruff Road Former Fire Training Area	ADEC	00/00/0054	
3 (	AT035		OO A, Nan Noud Former The Training Area	ADEC	09/30/2051	Site Investigation; Land-Use Controls
		MEB Complex, COF (FTR269C)	MEB Complex Phase 1 Fueling Point Facility	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
4 (	CG039	FTRS-39	OU-B, Poleline Road Disposal Area	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Long Term Monitoring with Institutional Contr ols
	CG111	Johnson Ave Plume	Johnson Avenue Plume	ADEC	09/30/2028	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
5 C	CG703	OU1 Northern Plume	OU-1, Northern Plume	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2054	Feasibility Study
6 0	CG704	OU1 Southern Plume	OU-1, Southern Plume	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
7 D	DA089	FTRS-89	OU-E, Armored Vehicle Maintenance Area	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Remedy Optimization
8 0	DA090	RV Lot Drum & Debris Removal	RV Parking Lot Drum Site	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation and Feasibility Study
9 D	DA115	PCB Soil Pile	DA115 PCB Soil Pile	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Interim Removal Action
10 [	DP009	FTRS-09	OU-A, Building 986 POL Lab Dry Well	ADEC	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
11 [	DP098	DP98 (TCE Contamination)	Buildings 18224 and 18220	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2082	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
12 F	FT023	Fire Training Area	OU-4, FT023 Fire Training Area	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
13 I	LF002	Landfill LF002	OU-6, LF002 Disposal Site	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
14 I	LF003	Sanitary Landfill	OU-6, LF003 Landfill	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
15 I	LF004	LF04 Knik Bluff Landfill	OU-6, LF004 Bluff Landfill	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
16 I	LF005	LF05 - OU1 Sanitary Landfill	OU-1, LF005, LF007, LF013, OT056	ADEC		Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
17 I	LF007	LF07 - OU1 Sanitary Landfill	OU-1, LF005, LF007, LF013, OT056	ADEC		Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
18 I	LF013	LF13 - OU1 Sanitary Landfill	OU-1, LF005, LF007, LF013, OT056	ADEC		Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
19 I	LF059	Asphalt Seep	OU-1, LF059 Tar Seep	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
20 O	W118	Building 5374 OWS	Vehicle and Dumpster Wash Rack OWS	ADEC	09/30/2027	Interim Removal Action
21	PL081	Abandoned 10 POL Line North Jet	OU-6, PL081 North Jet Pipeline	ADEC	09/30/2023	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
22 5	SA110	Former JBER-E IDW Facility	SA110 IDW Storage Yard	Elmendorf FFA	12/31/2026	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
23 9	SD015	POL Sludge Disposal #2	OU-6, SD015 POL Sludge Disposal Site #2	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Remedy Optimization
24 9	SD025	Building 16430 Floor Drains	OU-4, SD025 Hangar 11 Building 16430	ADEC	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
25 9	SD029	Building 16716 Floor Drains	OU-4, SD029 Hangar 15 Building 16716	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Remedy Optimization
26 5	SO552	ST402	Building 8326 (ST402) and Building 8321 (SO552)	ADEC	09/30/2038	Site Investigation
27 5	SS013	CC-FTRS-13	SS013 MP Barracks	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Proposed Plan
28 9	SS022	DRMO Yard	SS022 Former DRMO Storage Yard	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2052	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
29 9	SS041	FTRS-41	OU-A, Roosevelt Road Transmitter Site	ADEC	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
30 5	SS047	FTRS-047	OU-D, Nike Site Summit	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Remedy Implementation
31 9	SS109	F22 Weapons Release Shop	SS109 F-22 Weapons Release Shop Building 17720	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2027	Proposed Plan
32 5	SS116	Building 9480	SS116 Building 9480	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2027	Site Investigation
33 9	SS117	AAFES Spill	SS117 Building 6210	ADEC	09/30/2051	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
34 9	SS120	Building 974 North	SS120 Building 974	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
35	SS125	E Randall Rd.	SS125 Former Building 47203 Vehicle Maintenance Sh op	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
36	ST032	Abandoned Underground St orage Tanks	ST032 29 USTs Building 13272	ADEC	09/30/2051	Each sub-site has different status
37 5	ST036	Diesel Fuel Line Leak at Build ing 27369	ST036 Diesel Fuel Line Leak Building 27369	ADEC	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
	ST037	Diesel Fuel Line Leak	OU-5, ST037 Diesel Fuel Line	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation
39 9	ST041	Four-Million Gallon Hill	OU-2, St041 Four Million Gallon Hill	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2051	Remedy Optimization
-	TU064	FTRS-64	TU064 Building 740 Department of Public Works	ADEC	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
	TU091	AFID 130 OU	TU091 Building 8571 AFID 130-OU	ADEC	04/15/2028	Site Investigation
	TU102	CC-FTRS-02 [FRA0000031]	TU102 Building 987 UST	ADEC	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls
_	TU107	ST534	TU107 Boy Scout Hut (ST534)	ADEC	09/30/2051	Remedy Selection
	TU117	CC-FTRS-17	TU117 Former Building 772	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Site Investigation and Risk Assessment
45 V	NP014	POL Sludge Disposal	OU-6, WP014 Sludge Disposal	Elmendorf FFA	09/30/2032	Remedy Optimization
46 )	XE023	FTRS-23	OU-C, OB/OD Area XE023	Richardson FFA	09/30/2051	Cleanup Complete with Institutional Controls

### Open Burning/Open Detonation Pad

The OB/OD Pad is a graded upland gravel clearing adjacent to the ERF wetlands and within the boundary of the ERF impact area in the northwest sector of JBER. The pad borders an estuarine salt marsh on the south side of Knik Arm in upper Cook Inlet. Eagle River flows within 200 feet of the pad, and the riverbank appears to be eroding toward the pad. Knik Arm lies approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest. The OB/OD Pad is 10 miles north-northwest of central Anchorage, 4 miles west of the town of Eagle River, and 4 miles north of the main complex of JBER. The OB/OD Pad covers an area of approximately 16 acres.

The OB/OD Pad served as a former explosive ordinance disposal site for Fort Richardson at least since 1956 through 1988. It is a SWMU and a regulated unit as defined by the RCRA. The OB/OD Pad is physically located within the boundaries of the ERF active military munitions impact area. The OB/OD Pad is currently used as a training objective within the

ERF, with targets located on the pad including shipping containers, old military tank carcasses, and vehicles constructed of wood. JBER intends to keep the facility in delayed closure while the ERF Impact Area is active. The JBER explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) team clears the road and pad at the OB/OD area each year after winter firing at the ERF to ensure there are no UXO that resulted from winter firing at ERF. If they find an unexploded round on or near the road or pad, they will detonate it to clear the training area for infantry troops to access the road and pad for summertime training events. It is anticipated that the closure plan, required by Section II.B. of the draft Permit, will be implemented at an unknown point in the future when JBER is no longer using the ERF Impact Area or JBER is closed.

#### D. CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT

The draft Permit updates the previously issued permit from December 16, 2003, which was modified on December 1, 2010, and expired on December 15, 2013. According to the 2003 Permit, its conditions remain in effect until the permit is reissued.

#### **Proposed Changes to Requirements for Hazardous Waste Storage**

The 2003 Permit included requirements for storing hazardous waste at Building 11735, also referred to in the permit application as the Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF). The TSDF was successfully clean closed on September 12, 2022, and the EPA accepted the Certification of Closure on November 22, 2022. Accordingly, the TSDF and its associated requirements for storing hazardous waste will not be included in the reissued permit.

Moving forward, hazardous waste at JBER will be accumulated for a maximum of 90 days under the Large Quantity Generator regulations pursuant to 40 CFR 262.17.

#### **Part I. Standard Conditions**

Part I of the draft Permit outlines standard conditions that are applicable to all RCRA permits. The draft Permit includes applicable EPA regulations from Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 260 through 270. The draft Permit outlines the design and operation of the facility, establishes safety standards, and describes performance activities, such as monitoring and reporting.

The draft Permit sets limits on permitted releases of hazardous waste and constituents to the environment, and specifies the requirements for handling, storing, treating, and disposing of waste. The draft Permit also includes provisions for contingency planning and emergency response. The permittee is responsible for complying with all conditions of the permit and for reporting any deviations from these conditions to the EPA.

#### Part II. Closure of the OB/OD Unit

Part II of the draft Permit contains requirements for the closure of the OB/OD unit. The OB/OD unit is currently in delayed closure, and JBER intends to delay its final closure until the use of the ERF impact area ceases or JBER itself closes.

The EPA reviewed the OB/OD closure plan included in the 2022 permit application and required revisions to ensure its completeness and compliance with all relevant closure requirements. The plan is currently referred to as an interim closure plan because JBER must update it as required by EPA and must obtain final EPA approval before commencing closure activities.

#### Part III. Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units

Part III of the draft Permit outlines requirements for implementing corrective action measures to protect human health and the environment from any hazardous waste releases or constituents from any SWMU at the Facility, regardless of when the waste was placed in the unit.

This section of the draft Permit establishes a framework for addressing newly-identified, newly-discovered, or newly-created SWMUs; newly-detected releases of hazardous waste and/or constituents from any SWMU; and JBER's obligations related to corrective action.

The Fort Richardson Federal Facility Agreement and the Elmendorf Air Force Base Federal Facility Agreement—entered into by the Permittee, the ADEC, and the EPA Administrator—are existing mechanisms currently being used to investigate and clean up releases of hazardous waste and constituents to protect human health and the environment at the Facility. The FFAs are included as appendices to the draft Permit. Investigations and cleanups conducted under the FFAs are required to meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate state and federal requirements, including RCRA.

The language in the introduction to this section of the draft Permit has been updated to emphasize and clarify that the Facility is subject to RCRA, CERCLA and ADEC's applicable cleanup authorities.

#### E. PERMIT ORGANIZATION

The draft Permit is divided into three parts and eight attachments, as described below:

Part I Standard Conditions

Part II Closure of the OB/OD Unit

Part III Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units

Attachment 1 RCRA Part A Application
Attachment 2 Facility Description

Attachment 3 Contingency Plan

Attachment 4 Facility Location Information

Attachment 5 Description of Solid Waste Management Units
Attachment 6a Elmendorf AFB Federal Facility Agreement
Attachment 6b Fort Richardson Federal Facility Agreement

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Attachment 7 Interim Closure Plan for OB/OD Area

Attachment 8 List of Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs)

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#### I. JURISDICTION

Each Party is entering into this Agreement pursuant to the following authorities:

- Agency ("U.S. EPA"), Region 10, enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to the Remedial Investigation/
  Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") pursuant to Section 120(e)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(1), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499 (hereinafter jointly referred to as "CERCLA"); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h), and 6961, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 ("HSWA") (hereinafter jointly referred to as RCRA); and Executive Order 12580;
- 1.2 U.S. EPA, Region 10, enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to interim actions and final remedial actions pursuant to Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h), and 6961; and Executive Order 12580;
- 1.3 USAF enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to the RI/FS pursuant to Section 120(e)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(1); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928,

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and 6961; Executive Order 12580; the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321, and the Defense Environmental Restoration Program ("DERP"), 10 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.;

1.4 USAF enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to interim actions and final remedial actions pursuant to Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6934(u) and (v), 6938(h), and 6961; Executive Order 12580; and the DERP.

1.5 The State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation ("ADEC") enters into this Agreement pursuant to Sections 107, 120(e), 120(f), and 121(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, 9620(e), 9620(f), and 9621(f); Alaska Statutes 46.03, 46.04, 46.08, 46.09; and 18 Alaska Administrative Code ("AAC") 60, 18 AAC 62, 18 AAC 75, and 18 AAC 80.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 101 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601; the NCP, 40 CFR 300.5; and Section 1004 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903. In addition:

- (a) "ADEC" shall mean the State of Alaska as represented by the Department of Environmental Conservation, its employees, and authorized representatives;
- (b) "Agreement" shall mean this document and shall include all Attachments to this document. All such

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Attachments shall be incorporated by reference and are an integral and enforceable part of this document;

- (c) "ARAR" or "Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement" shall mean any standard, requirement, criterion, or limitation as provided in Section 121(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(2), and the NCP;
- (d) "Authorized representative" may include a Party's contractors or any other designee;
- (e) "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499;
- (f) "Community Relations" is defined in 40 CFR 300.5 and shall mean U.S. EPA's program to inform and encourage public participation in the Superfund process and to respond to community concerns. The term "public" includes citizens directly affected by the Site, other interested citizens or parties, organized groups, elected officials, and potentially responsible parties;
- (g) "Days" shall mean calendar days, unless otherwise specified. Any submittal that under the terms of this Agreement would be due on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holiday shall be due on the following business day;
- (h) "Feasibility Study" or "FS" is defined in
  40 CFR 300.5 and shall mean a study undertaken by the lead agency
  to develop and evaluate options for remedial action. The FS

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- (i) "Interim Actions" or "IAs" are discussed in the Preamble to 40 CFR 300.430(a)(1), 55 Fed. Reg. 8703-8706 (March 8, 1990), and shall mean all discrete actions implemented under remedial authority that are taken to prevent or minimize the release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants so that they do not endanger human health or the environment. Interim actions shall neither be inconsistent with nor preclude implementation of the final expected Site remedy and shall be undertaken in accordance with the NCP, 40 CFR Part 300, as amended, and with the requirements of CERCLA;
- (j) "Limited Field Investigation" or "LFI" shall mean screening investigations of potential source areas with inadequate data to determine whether these areas pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment;
- (k) "NCP" shall mean the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, as amended;
- (1) "Operable Unit" or "OU" is defined in 40 CFR 300.5 and is a subdivision of the Site. The cleanup of the Site

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- of this Agreement, designated by an Arabic numeral;
- (n) "Part" shall mean one of the thirty-seven
  (37) subdivisions of this Agreement, designated by a Roman
  numeral;
- (o) "Parties" shall mean USAF, U.S. EPA, and ADEC;
- (p) "RCRA" shall mean the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 ("HSWA"), Pub. L. 98-616;
- (q) "Record of Decision" or "ROD" is discussed at 40 CFR 300.430 and shall mean the document that summarizes the selection of an interim action or a final remedial action, all facts, analyses of facts, and source-specific policy determinations considered in the course of carrying out activities at the Site;
- (r) "Remedial Action" or "RA" is defined in

  40 CFR 300.5 and shall mean those actions consistent with

  permanent remedy taken instead of, or in addition to, a removal

  action in the event of a release or threatened release of a

  hazardous substance into the environment, to prevent or minimize

  the release of hazardous substances so that they do not migrate

  to cause substantial danger to present or future public health or

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welfare or the environment. The term includes, but is not 1 limited to, such actions at the location of the release as 2 storage, confinement, perimeter protection using dikes, trenches, 3 or ditches, clay cover, neutralization, cleanup of released 4 hazardous substances and associated contaminated materials, 5 recycling or reuse, diversion, destruction, segregation of 6 reactive wastes, dredging or excavations, repair or replacement 7 of leaking containers, collection of leachate and runoff, 8 on-site treatment or incineration, provision of alternative water 9 supplies, any monitoring reasonably required to assure that such 10 actions protect the public health and welfare and the environment 11 and, where appropriate, post-removal site control activities. 12 The term includes the costs of permanent relocation of residents 13 and businesses and community facilities, including the cost of 14 providing "alternative land of equivalent value" to an Indian 15 tribe pursuant to Section 126(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9626(b), 16 where U.S. EPA determines that, alone or in combination with 17 other measures, such relocation is more cost-effective than, and 18 environmentally preferable to, the transportation, storage, : 20 treatment, destruction, or secure disposition off-site of such hazardous substances, or may otherwise be necessary to protect 21 the public health or welfare; the term includes off-site 22 transport and off-site storage, treatment, destruction, or secure 23 disposition of hazardous substances and associated contaminated 24 materials. For the purpose of the NCP, the term also includes 25 enforcement activities related thereto; 26

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- (t) "Remedial Investigation" or "RI" shall mean a process undertaken by the lead agency to determine the nature and extent of the problem presented by the release. The RI emphasizes data collection and site characterization, and is generally performed concurrently and in an interactive fashion with the Feasibility Study ("FS"). The RI includes sampling and monitoring, as necessary, and includes the gathering of sufficient information to determine the necessity for remedial action and to support the evaluation of remedial alternatives;
- (u) "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
  Management Plan" shall mean a comprehensive document describing
  all activities planned within the RI and the FS process to
  include the Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan ("FSP"), Quality
  Assurance Project Plan ("QAPP"), Health and Safety Plan ("HSP"),
  and the Community Relations Plan ("CRP");
- (v) "Removal" is defined by Section 311(a)(8) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(8), and shall mean the removal of oil or hazardous substances from the water and shorelines or the taking of such other actions as may be necessary to minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, welfare, or to the environment. As defined by Section 101(23) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(23), removal shall mean the cleanup or

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removal of released hazardous substances from the environment; 1 such actions as may be necessary in the event of the threat of release of hazardous substances into the environment; such 3 actions as may be necessary to monitor, assess, and evaluate the release or threat of release of hazardous substances; the 5 disposal of removed material; or the taking of such other actions 7 as may be necessary to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to the public health or welfare or to the environment that may 8 otherwise result from a release or threat of release. The term includes, in addition, without being limited to, security fencing 10 or other measures to limit access, provision of alternative water 11 supplies, temporary evacuation and housing of threatened 12 13 individuals not otherwise provided for, action taken under Section 104(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(b), post-removal site control, where appropriate, and any emergency assistance that may 15 be provided under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974. For the 16 purpose of the NCP, the term also includes enforcement activities. 17 18 related thereto;

(w) "Response" is defined by Section 101(25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(25), and 40 CFR 300.5, and shall mean removal, remedy, or remedial action, including enforcement activities related thereto;

(x) "Scope of Work" shall mean the planning document prepared by the USAF, in consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC, and in accordance with OSWER Directive 9835.8 that identifies the source-specific objectives and general management

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approach for the RI/FS process for the Site and/or operable
unit(s);

- (y) "Site" shall mean the areal extent of contamination and shall include sources of contamination subject to this Agreement at the Elmendorf ("Elmendorf AFB"), which occupies approximately thirteen thousand one hundred and thirty (13,130) acres, bordered by the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, to the south. The Site includes any off-base area(s) contaminated by the migration of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from Elmendorf AFB;
- (z) "Statement of Work" shall mean the detailed elaboration of the Scope of Work that defines the requirements for developing a management plan;
- (aa) "USAF" shall mean the United States Air Force and, to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement (including appropriations and congressional reporting requirements), its employees, contractors, agents, successors, assigns, and authorized representatives;
- (bb) "U.S. EPA" shall mean the United States
  Environmental Protection Agency, including Region 10, its
  employees, and authorized representatives; and
- (cc) "Work Plan" shall mean the RI/FS or RA Work Plan that is to be prepared in accordance with Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response ("OSWER") Directives 9355.3-01 (October 1988) and 9355.0-4A (June 1986), and the NCP.

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#### III. PURPOSE

		3.1	The	general	L purposes	of this	s Agre	ement	are
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- (a) Ensure that the environmental impacts associated with past and present activities at the Site are thoroughly investigated and appropriate removal and/or remedial action(s) taken as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and the environment;
- (b) Establish a procedural framework and schedule for developing, implementing, and monitoring appropriate response actions at the Site in accordance with CERCLA, the NCP, Superfund guidance and policy, RCRA, RCRA guidance and policy, and applicable state law; and,
- (c) Facilitate cooperation, exchange of information, and participation of the Parties in such actions.
- 3.2 Specifically, the purposes of this Agreement are to:
- (a) Identify removal and interim action ("IA") alternatives that are appropriate at the Site prior to the implementation of final remedial action(s) for the Site. IA alternatives shall be identified and proposed to the Parties as early as possible prior to formal proposal of IA(s) to U.S. EPA and ADEC pursuant to CERCLA and applicable state law. This process is designed to promote cooperation among the Parties in identifying IA alternatives prior to selection of final IA(s);
  - (b) Establish requirements for the performance of an

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RI to determine fully the nature and extent of the threat to the public health or welfare or the environment caused by the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site, and to establish requirements for the performance of an FS for the Site to identify, evaluate, and select alternatives for the appropriate remedial action(s) to prevent, mitigate, or abate the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site in accordance with CERCLA and applicable state law;

- Identify the nature, objective, and schedule of response actions to be taken at the Site. Response actions at the Site shall attain that degree of cleanup of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants mandated by CERCLA and applicable state law;
- Implement the selected interim and final remedial (d) action(s) in accordance with CERCLA and applicable state law, and meet the requirements of Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2), for an interagency agreement among the Parties;
- Assure compliance, through this Agreement, with RCRA and other federal and state hazardous waste laws and regulations for matters covered herein;
- (f) Coordinate response actions at the Site with the mission and support activities at Elmendorf AFB;
- Expedite the cleanup process to the extent (g) consistent with protection of human health and the environment;
  - Provide for ADEC involvement in the initiation, (h)

development, selection, and enforcement of remedial actions to be undertaken at Elmendorf AFB, including the review of all applicable data as it becomes available, and the development of studies, reports, and actions plans; and to identify and integrate state ARARs into the remedial action process; and

(i) Provide for operation and maintenance of any remedial action selected and implemented pursuant to this Agreement.

#### IV. PARTIES BOUND

- 4.1 This Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon USAF, U.S. EPA, and ADEC. This Agreement shall also apply to subsequent owners and operators of any portion of the Site.

  USAF agrees to include notice of this Agreement in any document transferring ownership of property owned by the United States to any subsequent owners and operators of any portion of the Site in accordance with Section 120(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 120(h),

  40 CFR §§ 264.119 and 264.120, and Part XXXII of this Agreement.
- 4.2 USAF will notify U.S. EPA and ADEC of the identity of its contractors performing work under this Agreement. USAF shall provide copies of this Agreement to all contractors performing work under this Agreement. USAF shall ensure that whenever an Architect-Engineer firm is selected by negotiated procurement specifically to perform work under this Agreement, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall be invited to review the Standard Forms 254 (Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire) and

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255 (Architect- Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Contract) concerning prospective Architect-Engineer firms before the Preselection Board prepares its preselection list.

4.3 Under no condition shall a Party under this Agreement utilize the services of any consultant, prime contractor, or subcontractor who has been suspended, debarred, or voluntarily excluded within the scope of 40 CFR Part 32 or under the Federal Acquisition Regulation ("FAR") at 48 CFR Subpart 9.4 et seq.

4.4 Each undersigned representative of a Party certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to legally bind such Party to this Agreement.

#### V. RCRA-CERCLA INTEGRATION

CERCLA response obligations and RCRA corrective action obligations that relate to the release(s) of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, pollutants, or contaminants covered by this Agreement into this comprehensive Agreement. Therefore, the Parties intend that activities covered by this Agreement will achieve compliance with CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.; satisfy the corrective action requirements of Sections 3004(u) and (v) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6924(u) and (v), for a RCRA permit, and Section 3008(h), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(h), for interim status facilities; and

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meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate federal and state laws and regulations, to the extent required by Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621, and applicable state law.

Based upon the foregoing, the Parties intend that any remedial action selected, implemented, and completed under this Agreement will be protective of human health and the environment such that remediation of releases covered by this Agreement shall obviate the need for further corrective action under RCRA (i.e., no further corrective action shall be required). The Parties agree that with respect to releases of hazardous waste covered by this Agreement, RCRA shall be considered an ARAR pursuant to Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621. Releases or other hazardous waste activities not covered by this Agreement remain subject to all applicable state and federal environmental requirements.

5.3 The Parties recognize that the requirement to obtain permits for response actions undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be as provided for in CERCLA and the NCP. The Parties further recognize that ongoing hazardous waste management activities at Elmendorf AFB may require the issuance of permits under federal and state laws. This Agreement does not affect the requirements, if any, to obtain such permits. However, if a permit is issued to USAF for ongoing hazardous waste management activities at the Site, U.S. EPA or ADEC shall reference and incorporate any appropriate provisions, including appropriate schedules (and the provision for extension of such

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schedules), of this Agreement into such permit. With respect to those portions of this Agreement incorporated by reference into permits, the Parties intend that judicial review of the incorporated portions shall, to the extent authorized by law, be reviewed only under the provisions of CERCLA.

Nothing in this Agreement shall alter either USAF's authority or ADEC's rights with respect to removal actions conducted pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604.

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#### VI. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 6.1 For purposes of this Agreement, the following constitutes a summary of the facts upon which this Agreement is based. None of the facts related herein are admissions nor are they legally binding upon any Party with respect to any unrelated claims of persons not a Party to this Agreement.
- 6.2 Elmendorf AFB covers thirteen thousand one hundred and thirty (13,130) acres in the municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.
- The major sources of hazardous waste on the 6.3 base include industrial shops, fire fighting training activities, fuels management and landfill practices.
- Elmendorf AFB was proposed for inclusion on the CERCLA National Priorities List ("NPL") in July 1989, and listed as final in August 1990. 55 Fed. Req. 35502. (August 30, 1990).

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#### VII. REGULATORY DETERMINATIONS

	7.1	For purposes	of this	Agreement,	the	
following	constitut	es a summary o	f the Rec	gulatory De	termin	ations
upon which	this Agr	eement is base	d. None	of the Reg	ulator	у
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- 7.2 Elmendorf AFB is a Site within the meaning of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9);
- 7.3 Hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants within the meaning of Sections 101(14) and 104(a)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(14) and 9604(a)(2), have been disposed of at the Site;
- 7.4 There have been releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 104, 106, and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(22), 9604, 9606, and 9607, at and from the Site;
- 7.5 With respect to those releases, USAF is an owner and/or operator within the meaning of Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607;
- 7.6 The actions to be taken pursuant to this Agreement are reasonable and necessary to protect human health and the environment; and
- 7.7 A reasonable time for beginning and/or completing the actions has been, or will be, provided.

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#### VIII. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

#### A. Work to be Performed

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- 8.1 The Parties intend that work done and data generated prior to the effective date of this Agreement be retained and utilized to the maximum extent technically feasible in accordance with applicable law.
- 8.2 USAF will conduct and finance the cost of the RI/FS consultant studies in accordance with the RI/FS Management Plan and implement the RD/RA at the Site in accordance with the final RD and the RA Work Plan, and all relevant statutes and regulations.
- All work performed pursuant to this

  Agreement shall be under the direction and supervision, or in

  consultation with a qualified engineer, geologist, or equivalent

  expert with expertise in hazardous substances site investigation

  and remediation.
- 8.4 USAF shall perform the tasks and submit plans, reports, and other documents as required by the Plans.
- 8.5 These matters are set forth in more detail below and in the subsequent RI/FS Management Plans and RA Work Plans. This Agreement fully incorporates the provisions of these Plans that relate to the implementation of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, definitions and procedures for submission, review, and approval of documents. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Plans, this Agreement shall govern unless and until duly amended pursuant to

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8.6 USAF shall develop and implement Limited Field Investigations ("LFI") as described in Attachment 1.

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USAF shall develop and implement Interim Actions ("IAs") that shall be set forth in an RI/FS Management Plan, where appropriate, and/or modified pursuant to Part XX.

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8.9 USAF shall design, propose, undertake, and

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shall comply with applicable requirements of CERCLA; the NCP;

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consultation with ADEC, shall make final selection of the RA(s) for each OU. In the event of disagreement, U.S. EPA shall make final selection of the RA(s). The selection of RA(s) by the U.S. EPA Administrator shall be final, subject to Part XXXVI.

#### G. Technical Review Committee

8.11 Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2705(c), USAF shall establish a Technical Review Committee ("TRC").

8.12 The purpose of the TRC is to afford a forum for cooperation between USAF and concerned local officials and citizens and to provide a meaningful opportunity for the members of the TRC to become informed and to express their opinion about significant aspects of the RI/FS or the RD/RA process.

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#### IX. PROJECT MANAGERS

designate a Project Manager and Alternate (hereinafter jointly referred to as Project Manager) for the purpose of overseeing the implementation of this Agreement. Within five (5) days of the effective date of this Agreement, each Party shall notify the other Parties of the name and address of its Project Manager.

Any Party may change its designated Project Manager by notifying the other Parties, in writing, within five (5) days of the change. Communications between the Parties concerning the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be directed through the Project Managers as set forth in Part XIV of this Agreement. Each Project Manager shall be responsible for assuring that all

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- 9.2 Project Managers shall have the authority
  to: (1) take samples, request split samples, and ensure that
  work is performed properly and in accordance with the terms of
  any final Management Plan; (2) observe all activities performed
  pursuant to this Agreement, take photographs, and make such other
  reports on the progress of the work as the Project Managers deem
  appropriate; (3) review records, files, and documents relevant to
  this Agreement; (4) recommend and request minor field
  modifications to the work to be performed pursuant to the
  Agreement, or in techniques, procedures, or designs utilized in
  carrying out this Agreement; (5) exercise the authorities granted
  to them in this Part, and the NCP; and (6) act in accordance with
  Paragraph 33.1 (Modification/Amendment of Agreement).
- 9.3 Each Project Manager shall be, or rely on, a qualified and competent person with experience in hazardous substances site investigations and remedial actions and having the skills necessary to implement this Agreement.
- 9.4 The Project Managers may, in accordance with Part XX(J) of this Agreement, make modifications to the work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, or in techniques, procedures, or designs utilized in carrying out this Agreement. Any minor field modification proposed by any Party pursuant to this Part must be approved orally by all Parties' Project Managers to be effective. The USAF Project Manager will make a

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9.5 The Project Manager for USAF shall be responsible for day-to-day field activities at the Site, and shall have all the authority vested in the Remedial Project Manager by the NCP, 40 CFR Part 300. The Project Manager for USAF shall be physically present at the Site, or reasonably available to supervise work, during all hours of work performed at the Site pursuant to this Agreement.

9.6 The Project Managers shall be reasonably available to consult on work performed pursuant to this Agreement and shall make themselves available to each other for the pendency of this Agreement. The absence of USAF, U.S. EPA, or ADEC Project managers from the Site shall not be cause for work stoppage or delay.

#### X. ACCESS

10.1 Without limitation on any authority conferred on them by law, U.S. EPA, ADEC, and/or their authorized representatives, shall have authority to enter the Site at all reasonable times for the purposes of, among other things: (1) inspecting records, operating logs, contracts, and other documents relevant to implementation of this Agreement;

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(2) reviewing the progress of USAF, its response action contractors, or agents in implementing this Agreement;

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(3) conducting such tests as ADEC and U.S. EPA Project Managers deem necessary; and (4) verifying the data submitted to U.S. EPA and ADEC by USAF. USAF shall honor all requests for such access by U.S. EPA and ADEC, subject only to any statutory or regulatory requirement as may be necessary to protect national security or mission-essential activities. In the event that access requested by either U.S. EPA or ADEC is denied by USAF, USAF shall, within forty-eight (48) hours, provide a written explanation of the reason for the denial, including reference to the applicable regulations, and, upon request, a copy of such regulations. USAF shall expeditiously make alternative arrangements for accommodating the requested access. USAF shall not restrict the access rights of U.S. EPA or ADEC to any greater extent than USAF restricts the access rights of its contractors performing work pursuant to this Agreement.

10.2 To the extent that this Agreement requires access to property not owned and controlled by USAF, USAF shall exercise its authorities to obtain access pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and will make every reasonable effort to obtain signed access agreements; for itself, its contractors, agents, U.S. EPA, and ADEC, and provide U.S. EPA and ADEC with copies of such agreements. With respect to non-USAF property upon which monitoring wells, pumping wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions are to be

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located, the access agreements should provide that no conveyance of title, easement, or other interest in the property shall be consummated without provisions for the continued operation of such wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions on the property. The access agreements should also provide to the extent practicable that the owners of any property where monitoring wells, pumping wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions are located shall notify the USAF, ADEC, and the U.S. EPA by certified mail, at least thirty (30) days prior to any conveyance, of the property owner's intent to convey any interest in the property and of the provisions made for the continued operation of the monitoring wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions installed pursuant to this Agreement.

10.3 Nothing in this Part shall be construed to limit the discretion of USAF to exercise the authority of the President under Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), as delegated by Executive Order 12580.

#### XI. SAMPLING AND DATA/DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

other quality-assured results of sampling, tests, or other data generated by or on behalf of any Party under this Agreement within sixty (60) days of collection or field testing. If quality assurance is not completed within sixty (60) days, preliminary data or results shall be made available within the

sixty (60) day period and quality assured data or results shall be submitted as they become available but in no event later than one hundred (100) days after the sampling or testing. These periods can be extended upon mutual agreement among the Project Managers.

U.S. EPA Project Manager, USAF shall allow split or duplicate samples to be taken by ADEC or U.S. EPA during sample collection conducted during the implementation of this Agreement. USAF's Project Manager shall notify the U.S. EPA and ADEC Project Managers not less than fourteen (14) business days in advance of any well drilling, sample collection, or other monitoring activity, conducted pursuant to this Agreement. The fourteen (14) day notification can be waived upon mutual agreement among the Project Managers.

11.3 If preliminary analysis indicates a potential imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, all Project Managers shall be immediately notified.

11.4 Laboratory reports shall be made available at the Site for the review of the Parties immediately upon completion of laboratory analysis.

#### XII. QUALITY ASSURANCE

12.1 Throughout all sample collection,
transportation, and analyses activities conducted in connection
with this Agreement, USAF shall use procedures for quality

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accordance with approved U.S. EPA methods, including "Interim Guidelines and Specifications for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans, " OAMS-005/80, "Data Quality Objective Guidance," U.S. EPA 1540/687/003 and 004, and subsequent amendments to such quidelines. USAF shall require each laboratory it uses to perform any analysis according to approved U.S. EPA methods and to demonstrate a quality assurance/quality control program equivalent to that followed by U.S. EPA and consistent with U.S. EPA document QAMS-005/80.

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#### XIII. REPORTING

- 13.1 USAF shall submit to the other Parties quarterly written progress reports. The reports will include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- A detailed summary of all of the remedial, removal, and investigation activities during the previous quarter, including any analytical results, any community relations activities, and any community contacts or inquiries related to the hazardous substance contamination at the Site;
- (b) An outline of the planned activities for the upcoming quarter;
- A detailed statement of the manner and the (C) extent to which the timetables and deadlines are being met;
- (d) The status of efforts to obtain rights-of-entry necessary for monitoring and well installation

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1	off-Base; and
2	(e) The status of any other activities proposed
3	or underway that may affect any phase of the activities described
4	in the Attachments.
5	13.2 The quarterly written progress reports shall
6	be submitted on the tenth (10th) day of each calendar quarter
7	following the effective date of this Agreement.
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9	XIV. NOTICE TO THE PARTIES
10	14.1 All Parties shall expeditiously transmit
11	primary and secondary documents, and all notices required herein.
12	Time limitations shall commence upon receipt.
13	14.2 Unless otherwise provided, notice to the
14	individual Parties shall be provided under this Agreement to the
15	following addresses:
16	(A) For the USAF:
17	21 CSG/DEEV 22040 Maple Street
18	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-3240 (907) 552-4157/4618
19	(B) For U.S. EPA:
20	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
21	Alaska Operations Office 222 W. 7th Avenue, Box 19
22	Anchorage, Alaska 99513 (907) 271-5083
23	and
24	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Facility Section
25	1200 Sixth Avenue, HW-074 Seattle, Washington 98101
26	(206) 442-6642
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(C) For the State of Alaska:

Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation South Central Office Contaminated Site Program 3601 C Street, Suite 1334 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (907) 563-6529

#### XV. PERMITS

15.1 Nothing in this Agreement relieves USAF from the requirement of obtaining an otherwise applicable permit or other authorization whenever it proposes a response action involving the shipment or movement off-site of a hazardous substance, or undertakes any activities not directly related to response actions at the Site.

### XVI. RETENTION OF RECORDS

16.1 The Parties shall preserve for a minimum of ten (10) years after termination of this Agreement all records and documents in their possession or in the possession of their divisions, employees, agents, accountants, contractors, or attorneys that relate to the presence of hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site or to the implementation of this Agreement, despite any document retention policy to the contrary. After this ten (10) year period, the Parties shall notify one another at least forty-five (45) days prior to destruction or disposal of any such documents or records. Upon request by any Party, all Parties shall make available such records or documents, or true copies to one FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE - Page 29 September 19, 1991

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another. Documents may be converted to permanent electronic or optical media and paper originals disposed of after forty-five (45) days notification to the other Parties.

# XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

- any subsequent plan(s) for remedial action at the Site arising out of this Agreement shall comply with the administrative record and public participation requirements of CERCLA, including Section 117 of SARA, the NCP, and U.S. EPA guidance on public participation and administrative records.
- 17.2 USAF shall develop and implement a Community Relations Plan ("CRP") that responds to the need for an interactive relationship with all interested community elements, both on- and off-Site, regarding activities and elements of work undertaken by USAF. USAF agrees to develop and implement the CRP in a manner consistent with Section 117 of SARA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(k), the NCP, and U.S. EPA guidance.
- administrative record at or near Elmendorf AFB in accordance with Section 113(k) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(k). The administrative record shall be established and maintained in accordance with U.S. EPA policy and guidelines. A copy of each document included in the administrative record developed by USAF shall expeditiously be provided to ADEC and U.S. EPA upon written request. USAF shall provide to U.S. EPA and ADEC an Index of

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documents in the administrative record on a quarterly basis, if changes have occurred.

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CREATION OF DANGER/EMERGENCY ACTION

18.1 In the event U.S. EPA or ADEC determine that activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement, or any other circumstances or activities, are creating an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of the people on the Site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, U.S. EPA or ADEC may require or order USAF to stop further implementation of this Agreement for such period of time as needed to abate the danger. Any unilateral work stoppage for longer than twenty-four (24) hours requires the concurrence of the U.S. EPA Division Director, in accordance with Paragraph 21.9.

18.2 In the event USAF determines that activities undertaken in furtherance of this Agreement or any other circumstances or activities at the Site are creating an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of the people on the Site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, USAF may stop implementation of this Agreement for such periods of time necessary for U.S. EPA and ADEC to evaluate the situation and determine whether USAF should proceed with implementation of the Agreement or whether the work stoppage should be continued until the danger is abated. USAF shall notify the other Parties as soon as is possible, but not later

than twenty-four (24) hours after such stoppage of work, and provide U.S. EPA and ADEC with documentation of its analysis in reaching this determination. If, after consultation with ADEC, U.S. EPA disagrees with the USAF determination, it may require USAF to resume implementation of this Agreement.

USAF, or if U.S. EPA or ADEC require or order a work stoppage,
USAF's obligations shall be suspended and the time periods for
performance of that work, as well as the time period for any
other work dependent upon the work that was stopped, shall be
extended, pursuant to Part XXV of this Agreement. Any
disagreements pursuant to this Part shall be resolved through the
dispute resolution procedures in Part XXI of the Agreement by
referral directly to the DRC.

# XIX. FIVE YEAR REVIEW

results in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the Site, the Parties shall review such remedial action no less often than each five (5) years after the initiation of such remedial action to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial action being implemented. The U.S. EPA Project Manager and the ADEC Project Manager shall advise the USAF Project Manager of their findings in this regard. If any Party determines that additional action is required, the Agreement may be amended pursuant to Part

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XXXIII. If the Parties are unable to agree on the need to amend this Agreement, dispute resolution under Part XXI shall be available to any Party.

#### XX. CONSULTATION WITH U.S. EPA AND ADEC

#### A. Applicability

20.1 The provisions of this Part establish the procedures that shall be used by the Parties to provide each other with appropriate notice, review, comment, and response to comments regarding RI/FS and RD/RA documents, specified herein as either primary or secondary documents. In accordance with Section 120 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620, and 10 U.S.C. § 2705, USAF will normally be responsible for issuing primary and secondary documents to U.S. EPA and ADEC. As of the effective date of this Agreement, all draft and draft final documents for any deliverable document identified herein shall be prepared, distributed, and subject to dispute in accordance with Paragraphs 20.3 through 20.24.

20.2 The designation of a document as "draft" or "final" is solely for purposes of consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC in accordance with this Part. Such designation does not affect the obligation of the Parties to issue documents, which may be referred to herein as "final," to the public for review and comment as appropriate and as required by law.

# General Process for RI/FS and RD/RA Documents

Primary documents include those documents

that are major, discrete portions of RI/FS or RD/RA activities. Primary documents are initially issued by USAF in draft subject to review and comment by U.S. EPA and ADEC. Following receipt of comments on a particular draft primary document, USAF will respond to the comments received and issue a draft final primary document subject to dispute resolution. The draft final primary document shall become the final primary document either thirty (30) days after submittal of a draft final document if dispute resolution is not invoked, unless otherwise agreed as provided in Paragraph 20.18, or as modified by decision of the dispute resolution process. U.S. EPA and ADEC shall, within the first fifteen (15) days of this thirty (30) day period for finalization of primary documents, identify to USAF any issues or comments in order to provide sufficient time for review, discussion, and modification of draft final documents as necessary to resolve potential disputes.

that are discrete portions of the primary documents and are typically input or feeder documents. Secondary documents are issued by USAF in draft subject to review and comment by U.S. EPA and ADEC. Although USAF will respond to comments received, the draft secondary documents may be finalized in the context of the corresponding primary documents. A secondary document may be disputed only at the time the corresponding draft final primary document is issued.

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resolution. USAF shall complete and transmit draft primary 1 documents in accordance with the schedules and deadlines 2 established pursuant to Part XXIV of this Agreement. Primary 3 documents may include target dates for subtasks as provided for 4 in Paragraph 20.8. The purpose of target dates is to assist USAF 5 in meeting deadlines, but target dates do not become enforceable 6 by their inclusion in the primary documents and are not subject 7 to Parts XXII, XXIV, and/or XXV. 8 Secondary Documents 9 D. USAF shall complete and transmit draft 10 20.7 documents for the following secondary documents to U.S. EPA and 11 12 ADEC for review and comment in accordance with the provisions of this Part: 13 LFI Work Plan (a) 14 15 (b) LFI Report Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives (C) 16 (d) ARARs Evaluation 17 (e) Health and Safety Plan ("HSP") 18 Base-Wide Background Sampling Plan (f) 19 (g) Base-Wide Ecological Survey 20 RI Report 21 (h) 22 (i) Baseline Risk Assessment (j) Proposed Plan 23 35% Remedial Design 24 (k) (1) 60% Remedial Design 25 Although U.S. EPA and ADEC may comment on 26 20.8 27

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the draft documents for the secondary documents listed above, such documents shall not be subject to dispute resolution except as provided by Paragraph 20.4. Target dates shall be established pursuant to Part XXIV of this Agreement for the completion and transmission of draft secondary documents.

# E. Meetings of the Project Managers on Development of Reports

approximately every thirty (30) days, except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, to review and discuss the progress of work being performed at the Site on the primary and secondary documents. Prior to preparing any draft report specified in Paragraphs 20.5 and 20.7 above, the Project Managers shall meet to discuss the report results in an effort to reach a common understanding, to the maximum extent practicable, with respect to the results to be presented in the draft report. Prior to the development of either a Statement of Work, Management Plan, or Sampling and Analysis Plan, the Project Managers shall meet to develop a Scope of Work that will be used when preparing a Sampling and Analysis Plan or Management Plan for a remedial site inspection or investigation.

### F. Identification and Determination of Potential ARARS

20.10 For those primary or secondary documents that consist of or include ARAR determinations, prior to the issuance of a draft document the Project Managers shall meet to identify and propose, to the best of their ability, all potential ARARs pertinent to the report being addressed. Draft ARAR

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determinations shall be prepared in accordance with Section 121(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(2), the NCP, and pertinent written guidance issued by U.S. EPA and ADEC, that is not inconsistent with CERCLA and the NCP.

recognize that actual ARARs can be identified only on a source-specific basis and that ARARs depend on the specific hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at a source, the particular actions proposed as a remedy, and the characteristics of a source. The Parties recognize that ARAR identification is necessarily an iterative process and that potential ARARs must be re-examined throughout the RI/FS process until a ROD is issued.

# G. Review and Comment on Draft Documents

20.12 USAF shall complete and transmit each draft primary document to U.S. EPA and ADEC on or before the corresponding deadline established for the issuance of the document. USAF shall complete and transmit the draft secondary document in accordance with the target dates established for the issuance of such documents.

20.13 Unless the Parties mutually agree to another time period, all draft documents shall be subject to a thirty (30) day period for review and comment. Review of any document by U.S. EPA or ADEC may concern all aspects of the report (including completeness) and should include, but is not limited to, technical evaluation of any aspect of the document, and

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consistency with CERCLA, the NCP, applicable state laws, and any 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 3

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pertinent guidance or policy issued by U.S. EPA or ADEC. Comments by U.S. EPA and ADEC shall be provided with adequate specificity so that USAF may respond to the comments and, if appropriate, make changes to the draft document. Comments shall refer to any pertinent sources of authority or references upon which the comments are based, and, upon request of USAF, U.S. EPA or ADEC shall provide a copy of the cited authority or reference. In unusual circumstances, U.S. EPA and ADEC may extend the thirty (30) day comment period for an additional twenty (20) days by written notice to USAF prior to the end of the thirty (30) day period. On or before the close of the comment period, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall transmit by next day mail their written comments to USAF.

20.14 Representatives of USAF shall make themselves readily available to U.S. EPA and ADEC during the comment period for purposes of informally responding to questions and comments on draft documents. Oral comments made during such discussions need not be the subject of a written response by USAF on the close of the comment period.

20.15 In commenting on a draft document that contains a proposed ARAR determination, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall include a reasoned statement of whether they object to any portion of the proposed ARAR determination. To the extent that U.S. EPA or ADEC do object, they shall explain the basis for their objection in detail and shall identify any ARARs that they

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believe were not properly addressed in the proposed ARAR determination.

for a draft document, USAF shall give full consideration to all written comments on the draft document submitted during the comment period. Within thirty (30) days of the close of the comment period on a draft secondary document, USAF shall transmit to U.S. EPA and ADEC its written response to comments received within the comment period. Within thirty (30) days of the close of the comment period on a draft primary document, USAF shall transmit to U.S. EPA and ADEC a draft final primary document that shall include USAF's response to all written comments received within the comment period. While the resulting draft final document shall be the responsibility of USAF, it shall be the product of consensus to the maximum extent possible.

20.17 USAF may extend the thirty (30) day period for either responding to comments on a draft document or for issuing the draft final primary document for an additional twenty (20) days by providing notice to U.S. EPA and ADEC. In appropriate circumstances, this time period may be further extended in accordance with Part XXV.

# H. Availability of Dispute Resolution for Draft Final Primary Documents

20.18 Project Managers may agree to extend by fifteen (15) days the period for finalization of the draft final primary documents provided in Paragraph 20.3 as necessary for discussion and modification of draft final primary documents as FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE - Page 40 September 19, 1991

necessary to resolve potential disputes.

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20.19 Dispute resolution shall be available to the Parties for draft final primary documents as set forth in Part XXI.

20.20 When dispute resolution is invoked on a draft final primary document, work may be stopped in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part XXI.

### I. Finalization of Documents

as the final primary document if no Party invokes dispute resolution regarding the document or, if invoked, at completion of the dispute resolution process should USAF's position be sustained. If USAF's determination is not sustained in the dispute resolution process, USAF shall prepare, within not more than thirty-five (35) days, a revision of the draft final document that conforms to the results of dispute resolution. In appropriate circumstances, the time period for this revision process may be extended in accordance with Part XXV hereof.

### J. Subsequent Modifications

20.22 Following finalization of any primary document pursuant to Paragraph 20.20 above, any Party may seek to modify the document, including seeking additional field work, pilot studies, computer modeling, or other supporting technical work, only as provided in Paragraphs 20.22 and 20.23.

20.23 A Party may seek to modify a document, including Attachment 1, after finalization if it determines,

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based on new information (i.e., information that became available, or conditions that became known, after the document was finalized) that the requested modification is necessary. A Party may seek such a modification by submitting a concise written request to the Project Managers of the other Parties. The request shall specify the nature of the requested modification and how the request is based on new information.

Parties is reached, the modification shall be incorporated by reference and become fully enforceable under the Agreement. In the event that a consensus is not reached by the Project Managers on the need for a modification, any Party may invoke dispute resolution as provided in Part XXI to determine if such modification shall be conducted. Modification of a document shall be required only upon a showing that: (1) the requested modification is based on significant new information, and (2) the requested modification could be of significant assistance in evaluating effects on human health or the environment, in protecting human health and the environment.

20.25 Nothing in this Part shall alter U.S. EPA's or ADEC's ability to request the performance of additional work that was not contemplated by this Agreement. USAF's obligation to perform such work must be established by either a modification of a report or document or by amendment to this Agreement.

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21.1 Except as specifically set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, if a dispute arises under this Agreement, the procedures of this Part shall apply. All Parties to this Agreement shall make reasonable efforts to informally resolve disputes at the Project Manager or immediate supervisor level. If resolution cannot be achieved informally, the procedures of this Part shall be implemented to resolve a dispute.

Within thirty (30) days after: (1) the 21.2 issuance of a draft final primary document pursuant to this Agreement, or (2) any action that leads to or generates a dispute, the disputing Party shall submit to the Dispute Resolution Committee ("DRC") a written statement of dispute setting forth the nature of the dispute, the work affected by the dispute, the disputing Party's position with respect to the dispute, and the technical, legal, or factual information the disputing Party is relying upon to support its position.

21.3 Prior to any Party's issuance of a written statement of dispute, the disputing Party shall engage the other Parties in informal dispute resolution among the Project Managers and/or their immediate supervisors. During this informal dispute resolution period the Parties shall meet as many times as are necessary to discuss and attempt resolution of the dispute.

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The DRC will serve as a forum for resolution

one individual and an alternate to serve on the DRC. The individuals designated to serve on the DRC shall be employed at the policy level (SES or equivalent) or be delegated the authority to participate on the DRC for the purposes of dispute resolution under this Agreement. The U.S. EPA representative on the DRC is the Hazardous Waste Division Director ("Division Director") of U.S. EPA's Region 10. USAF's designated member is the Vice Commander, 11th Air Force (PACAF). ADEC's designated member is the Section Chief of the Contaminated Site Section ("Section Chief"), Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Written notice of any delegation of authority from a Party's designated representative on the DRC shall be provided to all other Parties.

the DRC shall have twenty-one (21) days to unanimously resolve the dispute and issue a written decision. If the DRC is unable to unanimously resolve the dispute within this twenty-one (21) day period, the written statement of dispute shall be forwarded to the Senior Executive Committee (SEC) for resolution within seven (7) days after the close of the twenty-one (21) day resolution period.

21.6 The SEC will serve as the forum for resolution of disputes for which agreement has not been reached by the DRC. The U.S. EPA representative on the SEC is the Regional Administrator of U.S. EPA's Region 10. USAF's representative on the SEC is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of

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the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. ADEC's representative on the SEC is the Director, Division of Spill Prevention and Response, Alaska Department of Environmental The SEC members shall, as appropriate, confer, Conservation. meet, and exert their best efforts to resolve the dispute and issue a written decision. If unanimous resolution of the dispute is not reached within twenty-one (21) days, U.S. EPA's Regional Administrator shall issue a written position on the dispute. USAF or ADEC may, within fourteen (14) days of the Regional Administrator's issuance of U.S. EPA's position, issue a written notice elevating the dispute to the Administrator of U.S. EPA for resolution in accordance with all applicable laws and procedures. In the event that USAF or ADEC elect not to elevate the dispute to the Administrator within the designated fourteen (14) day escalation period, USAF and/or ADEC shall be deemed to have agreed with the Regional Administrator's written position with respect to the dispute.

Administrator of U.S. EPA pursuant to Paragraph 21.6, the Administrator will review and resolve the dispute within twenty-one (21) days. Upon request, and prior to resolving the dispute, the U.S. EPA Administrator shall meet and confer with USAF's Secretariat Representative and the Commissioner of ADEC or the Commissioner's representative to discuss the issue(s) under dispute. The Administrator will provide notice to all Parties of any Party's request to meet or confer with respect to any such

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dispute and will provide an adequate opportunity for all Parties to participate in any meeting or conference convened to resolve such dispute. Upon resolution, the Administrator shall provide USAF and ADEC with a written final decision setting forth resolution of the dispute. The duties of the Administrator set forth in this Part shall not be delegated.

shall not affect USAF's responsibility for timely performance of the work required by this Agreement, except that the time period for completion of work affected by such dispute shall be extended for a period of time usually not to exceed the actual time taken to resolve any good faith dispute in accordance with the procedures specified herein. All elements of the work required by this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute shall continue and be completed in accordance with the applicable schedule.

When dispute resolution is in progress, work affected by the dispute will immediately be discontinued if the Division Director for U.S. EPA's Region 10 or the ADEC Section Chief request, in writing, that work related to the dispute be stopped because, in U.S. EPA's or ADEC's opinion, such work is inadequate or defective, and such inadequacy or defect is likely to yield an adverse effect on human health or the environment, or is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the remedy selection or implementation process. To the extent possible, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall consult with all Parties prior to

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initiating a work stoppage request. After stoppage of work, if 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

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any Party believes that the work stoppage is inappropriate or may have potential significant adverse impacts, that Party may meet with the other Parties to discuss the work stoppage. Following this meeting, and further consideration of the issues, the U.S. EPA Division Director will issue, in writing, a final decision with respect to the work stoppage. The final written decision of the U.S. EPA Division Director may immediately be subjected to formal dispute resolution. Such dispute may be brought directly to either the DRC or the SEC, at the discretion of the Party requesting dispute resolution.

21.10 Within twenty-one (21) days of resolution of a dispute pursuant to the procedures specified in this Part, USAF shall incorporate the resolution and final determination into the appropriate plan, schedule, or procedures and proceed to implement this Agreement according to the amended plan, schedule, or procedures.

21.11 Resolution of a dispute pursuant to this Part of the Agreement constitutes a final resolution of that dispute arising under this Agreement. All Parties shall abide by all terms and conditions of any final resolution of dispute obtained pursuant to this Part of this Agreement.

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#### XXII. **ENFORCEABILITY**

22.1 The Parties agree that:

Upon its effective date and to the extent

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- (b) All deadlines associated with the RI/FS shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659, and any violation of such deadlines will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c);
- (c) All terms and conditions of this Agreement that relate to interim or final remedial actions, including corresponding schedules and deadlines, and all work associated with the interim or final remedial actions, shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659(c), and any violation of such terms or conditions will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c); and
- (d) Any final resolution of a dispute pursuant to Part XXI of this Agreement that establishes a term, condition, schedule, or deadline shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659(c), and any violation of such term, condition, schedule, or deadline will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c).
  - 22.2 The Parties agree that all Parties shall

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have the right to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

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primary document to U.S. EPA and ADEC pursuant to the appropriate

timetable or deadline in accordance with the requirements of this

Agreement, or fails to comply with a term or condition of this

Agreement that relates to an interim or final remedial action,

stipulated penalty may be assessed in an amount not to exceed

thereof), and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each additional

manner set forth in Paragraph 23.1, U.S. EPA shall so notify USAF

five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the first week (or part

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dispute resolution at the time such notice is received, USAF

shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice to

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assessment of a stipulated penalty shall be final until the

conclusion of dispute resolution procedures related to the

through the dispute resolution process, not to have occurred.

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assessment of the stipulated penalty.

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# XXIV. DEADLINES

- 24.1 Deadlines (subject to extension pursuant to Part XXV and Part XXXIII) for the draft primary documents are established in Attachment 1 (Table 3).
- 24.2 Within twenty-one (21) days of the effective date of this Agreement, USAF shall propose target dates for completion of appropriate draft secondary documents for each of the OUs.
- each ROD, USAF shall submit the RD/RA Scope of Work that shall include the schedule for submittal of post-ROD documents. If the Parties agree on the proposed deadlines, the finalized deadlines shall be incorporated into the Agreement. If the Parties fail to agree within thirty (30) days of the proposed deadlines, the matter shall immediately be submitted for dispute resolution pursuant to Part XXI of this Agreement. The deadlines shall be published utilizing the procedures set forth in Paragraph 24.5.
- and ADEC within thirty (30) days of identifying an additional potential source area that appears to require additional investigation and/or remediation under the Agreement. A remedial source evaluation shall, if appropriate, be undertaken by the USAF to evaluate the potential releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants.

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- d. A delay caused, or that is likely to be caused, by the grant of an extension in regard to another deadline or schedule; and
- e. Any other event or series of events mutually agreed to by the Parties as constituting good cause.
- 25.2 Absent agreement of the Parties with respect to the existence of good cause, USAF may seek and obtain a determination through the dispute resolution process that good cause exists.
- request for an extension of a deadline or a schedule, the other Parties shall attempt to advise USAF, in writing, of their respective positions on the request. Any failure by the other Parties to respond within twenty-one (21) days shall be deemed to constitute concurrence in the request for extension. If either U.S. EPA or ADEC does not concur in the requested extension, it shall include in its statement of nonconcurrence an explanation of the basis for its position.
- 25.4 If there is consensus among the Parties that the requested extension is warranted, USAF shall extend the affected deadline or schedule accordingly. If there is no consensus among the Parties as to whether all or part of the requested extension is warranted, the deadline or schedule shall not be extended except in accordance with a determination resulting from the dispute resolution process.
- 25.5 Within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a statement of nonconcurrence with the requested extension, USAF

may invoke dispute resolution.

extension shall toll any assessment of stipulated penalties, forfeiture of comment rights, or application for judicial enforcement of the affected deadline or schedule until a decision is reached on whether the requested extension will be approved. If dispute resolution is invoked and the requested extension is denied, stipulated penalties may be assessed and may accrue from the date of the original deadline or the date U.S. EPA or ADEC denied, in writing, USAF's requested extension, whichever is later. Following the grant of an extension, an assessment of stipulated penalties or an application for judicial enforcement may be sought only to compel compliance with the timetable and deadline or schedule as most recently extended.

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### XXVI. FORCE MAJEURE

26.1 A Force Majeure shall mean any event arising from causes beyond the control of a Party that causes a delay in or prevents the performance of any obligation under this :

Agreement, including, but not limited to, acts of God; fire; war; insurrection; civil disturbance; explosion; unanticipated breakage or accident to machinery, equipment, or lines of pipe despite reasonably diligent maintenance; adverse weather conditions that could not be reasonably anticipated; unusual delay in transportation; restraint by court order or order of public authority; inability to obtain, at a reasonable cost and

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inaction of any governmental agency or authority other than USAF; delays caused by compliance with applicable statutes or regulations governing contracting, procurement, or acquisition procedures, despite the exercise of reasonable diligence; and insufficient availability of appropriated funds, if USAF shall have made timely request for such funds as part of the budgetary process as set forth in Part XXVII of this Agreement. A Force Majeure shall also include any strike or other labor dispute, whether or not within the control of the Parties affected thereby. Force Majeure shall not include increased costs or expenses of response actions, whether or not anticipated at the time such response actions were initiated, or normally-occurring difficulties posed by winter conditions that could have been reasonably anticipated.

#### XXVII. FUNDING

It is the expectation of the Parties to this 27.1 Agreement that all obligations of USAF arising under this Agreement will be fully funded. USAF agrees to seek sufficient funding through the U.S. Department of Defense budgetary process to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

In accordance with Section 120(e)(5)(B) of 27.2 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(5)(B), USAF shall provide to the U.S. Department of Defense for its annual report to Congress the

specific cost estimates and budgetary proposals associated with the implementation of this Agreement.

by Congress under the "Environmental Restoration, Defense" appropriation in the U.S. Department of Defense Appropriation Act and allocated by the DASD(E) to USAF will be the source of funds for activities required by this Agreement consistent with Section 211 of SARA, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 160. However, should the Environmental Restoration, Defense appropriation be inadequate in any year to meet the total U.S. Department of Defense implementation requirements, the U.S. Department of Defense shall employ and USAF shall follow a standardized U.S. Department of Defense prioritization process that allocates that year's appropriations in a manner that maximizes the protection of human health and the environment. The standardized U.S. Department of Defense prioritization model shall be utilized.

obligation of funds, including stipulated penalties, by USAF established by the terms of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and no provision herein shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341. In cases where payment or obligation of funds, including stipulated penalties, would constitute a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, the dates established requiring the payment or obligation of such funds shall be appropriately adjusted.

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27.5 If appropriated funds are not available to fulfill USAF's obligations under this Agreement, U.S. EPA and ADEC reserve the right to initiate an action against any other person or to take any response action that would be appropriate absent this Agreement.

request documents to U.S. EPA and ADEC by October 1 of each year after the execution of this Agreement, and shall notify U.S. EPA and ADEC of the actual amounts budgeted by February 1 of each year. The budget documents shall clearly establish that USAF has requested all necessary funds to carry out its obligations under this Agreement for the applicable budget year. USAF shall honor all reasonable requests by U.S. EPA or ADEC to obtain additional documentation or information regarding the budget, and shall respond to such requests within fifteen (15) days of the request.

### XXVIII. RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

28.1 USAF and U.S. EPA agree to amend this Part at a later date in accordance with any subsequent resolution of the currently contested issue of cost reimbursement.

Memorandum of Agreement signed on June 1, 1990, for the reimbursement of services provided in direct support of the USAF environmental restoration activities at the Site pursuant to this Agreement.

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29.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a bar or release from any claim, cause of action, or demand in law or equity by or against any persons, firm, partnership, or corporation not a signatory to this Agreement for any liability it may have arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the generation, storage, treatment, handling, transportation, release, or disposal of any hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, pollutants, or contaminants found at, taken to, or taken from Elmendorf AFB.

29.2 U.S. EPA and ADEC shall not be held as a Party to any contract entered into by USAF to implement the requirements of this Agreement.

USAF shall notify the appropriate federal 29.3 and state natural resource trustees as required by Section 104(b)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and Section 2(e)(2) of Executive Order 12580. Except as provided herein, USAF is not released from the liability that it may have pursuant to any provisions of state and federal law for any claim for damages or liability for destruction of, or loss of, natural resources.

29.4 This Agreement shall not restrict U.S. EPA and/or ADEC from taking any legal or response action for any matter not covered by this Agreement.

#### XXX. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to

this Agreement shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable state and federal laws and regulations unless an exemption from such requirements is provided in this Agreement, CERCLA, or the NCP.

behalf of a contractor, subcontractor, or consultant, a

confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information

requested by any Party to this Agreement pursuant to Section 104

of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and 32 CFR Part 806. Analytical

data shall not be claimed as confidential by USAF, unless it may

disclose information that has already been so classified for

reasons of national security. Information determined to be

afforded the protection specified therein and such information

confidentiality accompanies the information when it is submitted

interest in Elmendorf AFB shall be in accordance with Section 120

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Conveyance of title, easement, or other

confidential by USAF pursuant to 32 CFR Part 806 shall be

shall be treated by ADEC as confidential. If no claim of

to either regulatory agency, the information may be made

available to the public without further notice to USAF.

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33.1 Modifications to and/or actions taken pursuant to Parts XI (Sampling and Data/Document Availability), XII (Quality Assurance), XX (Consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC), XXIV (Deadlines), XXV (Extensions), and Attachment 1 (Scope of Work) may be effected by the unanimous agreement of the Project Managers.

33.2 Modifications or amendments not permitted by Paragraph 33.1 may be effected only by the unanimous agreement of the signatories or upon completion of Dispute Resolution, as applicable.

33.3 Any modification or amendment shall be reduced to writing; shall be effective as of the date it is signed by all the Project Managers or signatories, as applicable; and shall be incorporated into, and modify, this Agreement.

# XXXIV. SEVERABILITY

34.1 If any provision of this Agreement is ruled invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remainder of the .

Agreement shall not be affected by such ruling.

# XXXV. TERMINATION AND SATISFACTION

35.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed satisfied when the Parties unanimously agree that USAF has completed its obligations under the terms of this Agreement. Any Party may propose in writing the termination of this Agreement

upon a showing that the requirements of this Agreement have been satisfied. A Party opposing termination of this Agreement shall serve its objection upon the proposing Party within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposal. Any objection shall describe in detail the additional work needed to satisfy the requirements of the Agreement. Any Party may invoke dispute resolution as to the request for or objection to a proposal to terminate.

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### XXXVI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

36.1 The Parties agree to exhaust their rights under Parts XX and XXI prior to exercising any rights to judicial review that they may have.

36.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a restriction or waiver of any rights that U.S. EPA or ADEC may have under CERCLA, including, but not limited to, any rights under Section 113 and 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9613 and 9659. The U.S. Department of Defense does not waive any rights it may have under CERCLA Sections 120 and 121(f)(3)(C), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9620 and 9621(f)(3)(C); Section 211 of SARA, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 160; and Executive Order 12580.

action under Section 121(f)(3)(B) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(f)(3)(B), to challenge the selection of a remedial action that does not attain a legally applicable or relevant and appropriate standard, requirement, criteria, or limitation ("ARAR"). If ADEC exercises its right under Section 121(f)(3)(B)

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of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(f)(3)(B), ADEC shall withdraw from this Agreement within sixty (60) days following the effective date of the ROD. If ADEC exercises its right to withdraw from this Agreement, USAF expressly reserves any jurisdictional claim or defense that it may have in regard to any legal right or remedies pursued by ADEC.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as authorizing any person to seek judicial review of any action or work where review is barred by any provision of CERCLA, including Section 113(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(h).

#### XXXVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

37.1 This Agreement is effective upon signature by all the Parties to this Agreement.

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Signature sheet for the foregoing Federal Facility Agreement for the Elmendorf Air Force Base, among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the 3 Air Force, and the Alaska Department of Environmental 5 Conservation. CREIGHTON Colone, USAF Vice Commander, 11th Air Force 10 11 12 14 16 17 18 19 REPRESENTED BY: 20 Major James G. Van Ness, Esq. 21 22 23 24 25 - 7 FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE - Page 63

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Signature sheet for the foregoing Federal Facility Agreement for the Elmendorf Air Force Base, among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of the Air Force, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. 9-30-91 Regional Administrator Region 10 United States Environmental Protection Agency **L3** REPRESENTED BY: Cynthia L. Mackey, Esq. 

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#### Attachment 1

# ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT SCOPE OF WORK

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Attachment is to set forth the elements of work required to be performed, to respond to hazardous substance/waste releases or threat of release at or from source areas at the Elmendorf Air Force Base (EAFB) which may pose a threat to human health or the environment. This document provides the site management approach to implement the remedial response process under the Agreement. The source areas at EAFB have been divided into seven manageable operable units (OUs) and a critical path schedule has been developed for performing the general remedial activities at each OU, as well as, the optimal sequence for performing each OU. The OUs at EAFB have been divided into three categories of remedial activities:

- Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) OUs
- Interim Action (IA) OUs
- Limited Field Investigation (LFI) OUs

All response activities performed by EAFB shall be consistent with the Agreement. Table 1 represents work schedules for completion of the decision process for each identified OU and was developed by the three parties during the Federal Facility Agreement negotiations. The table depicts starting, interim and completion dates for each OU. Primary document deadlines are enforceable and are contained in Table 3 of this Attachment. This table will be updated periodically.

#### 2. SOURCE AREA GROUPING INTO OPERABLE UNITS

Thirty-two potential source areas have been identified at EAFB in previous studies. These source areas were placed into one of the OU categories. The potential source areas are listed in Table 2. No further action was selected for source areas SS-22 and RW-17, the DRMO Storage Area and Low Level Radioactive Waste sites. The basis for these decisions are contained in the EAFB Administrative Record. Criteria used to group sites into the three OU categories include:

- Availability and sufficiency of previously collected data to support remedy selection
- Similarities of source areas and contaminants
- Complexity and size of source areas
- Affected media, potential for migration, exposure pathways and receptors.

#### Operable Units:

Limited Field Investigation (LFI)

OU 4 LFI:

Source areas SD-24, SD-25, SD-26, SD-27, SD-28, SD-29, SD-30, SD-31 and SS-18 and other units that may be identified in aerial photographs or other investigations.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

OU 1 RI/FS:

Source areas LF-05, LF-07, LF-13, OT-56 and LF-59.

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OU 2 RI/FS:

Source areas ST-41 and ST-20.

OU 3 RI/FS:

Source areas SD-52, SD-16 and SS-21.

OU 4 RI/FS:

The actual source areas will be dependent upon the results of the LFI which will be conducted on the source areas SD-24, SD-25, SD-26, SD-27, SD-28, SD-29, SD-30, SD-31 and SS-18 and other units that may be identified in aerial photographs or other investi-

gations.

OU 5 RI/FS:

Source areas ST-37, ST-38/SS-42, SD-40/ST-46 and SS-53.

OU 6 RI/FS:

Source areas LF-04, WP-14 and LF-03. This is the last scheduled RI/FS to be initiated at EAFB. As such, any unfinished remedial investigative or engineering study work identified as necessary from the other LFI or RI/FS activities at EAFB will be completed in this RI/FS. Any ecological or human health cumulative risk effects which may become evident from the aggregate of source areas at EAFB not addressed in prior OU RI/FSs will also be covered under

this OU RI/FS.

OU 7 RI/FS:

Source areas FT-23, SS-10, SD-15 and SS-19.

Interim Action (IA)

OU 4 IA:

Contaminated soil/sediment found in the drain fields at source areas associated with the OU 4 LFI which represent a significant threat or potential threat to health or the environment will be addressed as an interim action.

OU 2 IA:

Source area ST-41, the 4 million gallon hill tanks leakage into soil and groundwater, will be evaluated to determine if sufficient contamination remains in the vadose zone to represent a significant threat to human health or the environment. Depending upon the immediacy of the threat, soil contamination from volatile organics will be addressed as an interim action.

OU 7 IA:

Source area FT-23, the fire training area has extensive ground-water contamination. Light non-aqueous phase liquid contamination, associated with past activities at this source area will be addressed as an interim action.

#### 3. DESCRIPTION OF REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES

#### 3.1 REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY

The purpose of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) is to investigate the nature and extent of contamination at the Elmendorf Air Force Base (EAFB) site and to develop and evaluate remedial alternatives, as appropriate. Seven RI/FSs are currently planned for EAFB. Base-wide monitoring or other studies/investigations which are not OU-specific will be in an EAFB Work Plan which will include any necessary Sampling and Analysis Plans.

The specific RI/FS activities to be conducted in each RI/FS at the EAFB site are segregated as follows:

- Base-wide Work Plan to address non-OU specific studies necessary for implementation of the Agreement
- OU specific project planning (Conceptual Site Model and Data Quality Objectives)
- Base-wide Community Relations Plan development
- OU specific field investigations
- OU specific sample analysis/validation
- OU specific data evaluation
- OU specific human health risk and ecological assessment. The OU-specific ecological risk screening assessment will involve an ecological characterization of the source and identify significant ecological exposure pathways. Data gaps identified from OU specific ecological characterization screening studies will be addressed in the last scheduled OU RI/FS to maximize economy of resource utilization. The cumulative effects of specific source area contaminations will also be assessed in the last OU RI/FS which, based on the schedule is OU-6
- OU specific treatability studies
- OU specific RI Report, including Baseline Risk Assessment
- OU specific Remedial Alternatives Development and Screening
- OU specific Detailed Analysis of Alternatives
- OU specific RI/FS Report

To the maximum extent practicable, components of Field Sampling Plans, Quality Assurance Project Plans, Work Plans, and Health and Safety Plans approved under an earlier OU submission will be utilized in subsequent submissions to expedite the review process and achieve consistency in the overall remedial action approach.

#### 3.2 INTERIM ACTIONS

The purpose of the IA-OUs at the EAFB are to achieve early action using remedia authority at those sites which meet the IA general principles that are discussed in the NCP. If at anytime the information submitted to support the IA is found to be equivalent to that obtained during an RI/FS and the OU is separable, then the IA may be upgraded to an early final action.

The Preamble of the NCP, 55 Federal Register 8703-8706 (March 8, 1990) states that to implement an early action under remedial authority, an operable unit for which an interim action is appropriate is identified. IA decisions are intended for straightforward sites that are limited in scope.

Data sufficient to support the interim action decision is extracted from the ongoing RI/FS or from previous studies and an appropriate set of alternatives is evaluated. Few alternatives and in some cases only one should be developed for interim actions. A completed baseline risk assessment generally will not be available or necessary to justify an interim action. Qualitative risk information

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should be organized that demonstrates that the action is necessary to stabilize the site, prevent further degradation, or achieve significant risk reduction quickly. Supporting data, including risk information, and the alternatives analysis can be documented in a focused feasibility study. However, in cases where the relevant data can be summarized briefly and the alternatives are few and straightforward, it may be adequate and more appropriate to document the supporting information in the proposed plan.

#### 3.3 LIMITED FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

To better limit the scope of the OU 4 RI/FS at EAFB to investigations and studies of significant exposure pathways and identify potential additional interim action operable units, Limited Field Investigations (LFIs) will be conducted at the old spill/disposal sites to identify whether or not these sites pose an unacceptable risk to public health from soil ingestion, dust inhalation, future agricultural use and crop uptake or direct contact. The potential for these areas to represent a significant source to groundwater contamination will also be evaluated. Prior to performing LFI's a workplan will be developed identifying the Data Quality Objectives established based on the conceptual site model development. As the objectives of the LFI are to ascertain the potential risk to human health from shallow soil contamination and/or the risk to human health from groundwater contamination resulting from the leaching of contaminants from these areas, the scope of the study is significantly less than that of an RI/FS. A SAP consisting of a FSP and QAPP will also be submitted as part of the workplan. At completion of the LFI investigation, a LFI report which contains the findings of the investigation shall be submitted to the agencies for review and comment. A determination shall be made between the Project Managers to the disposition of each of the sources. Based on report results a decision will be reached between the Project Managers on what specific source areas in the OU require follow up action. The decision will be reflected in the administrative record.

#### 3.4 QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly reports will be prepared by the Air Force to describe the technical progress at the EAFB site. Quarterly reports will be submitted to U.S. EPA and ADEC as specified in the Agreement.

Documents that are not specified as primary or secondary documents in the Agreement, that will facilitate the implementation of the remedial process, may be submitted to EPA and ADEC as interim reports and technical memoranda for review, comment and/or discussion, upon agreement of all Project Managers. These documents are typically input or feeder documents, such as data interpretation, to the primary or secondary documents.

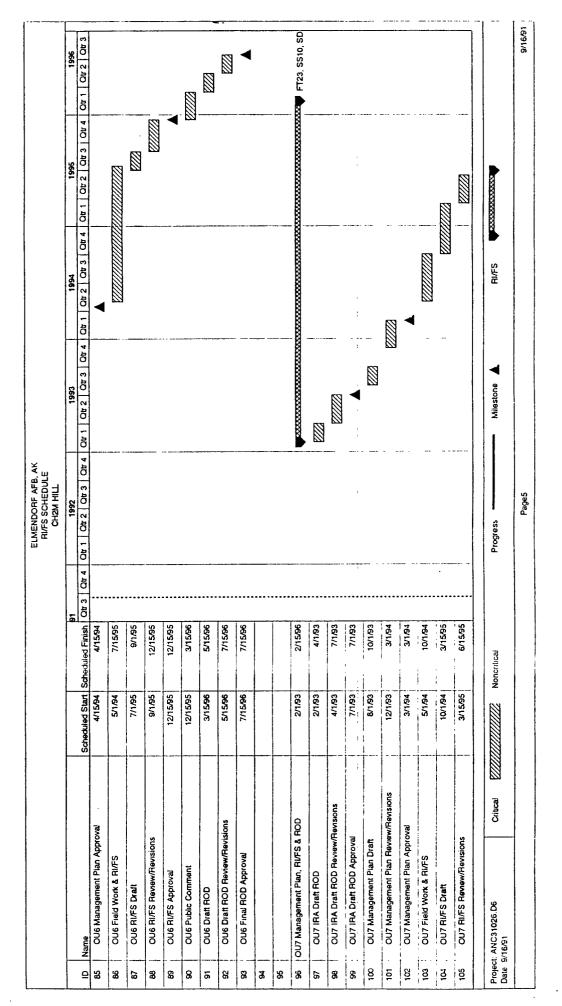
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## TABLE 2 ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA

### POTENTIAL SOURCE AREAS

Operable		
Units	Source Number	Source Description
OU 1	I FOE (D.E.)	Cambana I and Hill
00 1	LF05 (D-5)	Sanitary Landfill
	LF07 (D-7)	Sanitary Landfill
	LF13 (D-13)	Disposal Site
	OT56 (NS-2)	DRMO (DPDO) Scrap Pile
	LF59	Asphalt Seep
OU 2	ST41 (SP-5/5A)	Four Million Gallon Hill
	ST20 (S-5)	Underground Waste Tank
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OU 3	SD52 (NS-1)	Cherry Hill Ditch
	SD16 (D-17)	Shop Waste Disposai Site
	SS21 (S-6)	PCB Transformer Storage
OU 4	SD24 (IS-1)	Building 42-400 Drains
	SD25 (IS-2)	Building 42-425 Drains
	SD26 (IS3)	Building 42-550 Drains
	SD27 (IS-4)	Building 42-300 Drains
	SD28 (IS-5)	Building 42-410 Drains
	SD29 (IS-6)	Building 43-450 Drains
	SD30 (IS-7)	Building 21-900 Drains
	SD31 (IS-8)	Building 32-060 Drains
	SS18 (S-1)	Pesticide Storage Building
OU 5	ST37 (SP-1)	Diesai Fuei Line Leak
	ST38/SS42 (SP-2/SP-6)	JP-4 Fuei Line Leak
		Diesel Fuel Spill
	SD40/ST46 (SP-4/SP-11)	RR Maintenance Area Oli Spill
		JP-4 Fuel Line Leak
	SS53 (NS-3)	Golf Course Seep
OU 6	LF04 (D-4)	Bluff Landfill
	WP14 (D-15)	POL Sludge No. 1
	LF03 (D-3)	Hospital Road LandfIII
OU 7	FT23 (FT-1)	Fire Training Area
	SS10 (D-10)	Asphalt Drum Storage
-	SD15 (D-16)	POL Sludge No. 2
	SS19 (S-3)	Old DDT Drum Storage

# TABLE 3 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DOCUMENT DEADLINES

# Operable Unit 1 PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

OU1 Management Plan	February 15, 1992
OU1 RI/FS	December 15, 1993
OU1 ROD	June 15, 1994
OU1 RD/RA Scope of Work	October 04, 1994
OU1 Remedial Action Plan	•
OU1 Remedial Design	•

#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

OU1 Health and Safety Plan

**OU1 Remedial Investigation Report** 

**OU1 Baseline Risk Assessment** 

OU1 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives

**OU1 ARARS Evaluation** 

**OU1 Feasibility Study** 

OU1 Proposed Plan

OU1 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU1 Remedial Design, 60 %

<sup>\*</sup> Determined in RD/RA Scope of Work in accordance with section 24.3 of the Federal Facility Agreement

#### PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

OU2 IRA ROD January 15, 1992

OU2 Management Plan April 01, 1992

OU2 RI/FS January 15, 1994

OU2 ROD July 15, 1994

OU2 RD/RA Scope of Work November 03, 1994

OU2 Remedial Design

**OU2** Remedial Action Work Plan

#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

**OU2 IRA Proposed Plan** 

OU2 Health and Safety Plan

OU2 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives

**OU2 ARARS Evaluation** 

**OU2** Remedial Investigation Report

**OU2** Baseline Risk Assessment

OU 2 Feasibility Study

OU2 Proposed Plan

OU2 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU2 Remedial Design, 60 %

<sup>\*</sup> Determined in RD/RA Scope of Work in accordance with section 24.3 of the Federal Facility Agreement

#### PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

OU3 Management Plan

OU3 RI/FS

February 01, 1995

OU3 ROD

August 01, 1995

OU3 RD/RA Scope of Work

November 20, 1995

OU3 Remedial Design

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OU3 Remedial Action Work Plan

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#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

OU3 Health and Safety Plan

OU3 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives

**OU3 ARARs Evaluation** 

**OU3 Remedial Investigation Report** 

**OU3 Baseline Risk Assessment** 

**OU3 Feasibility Study** 

OU3 Proposed Plan

OU3 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU3 Remedial Design, 60 %

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OU4 IRA ROD	February 01, 1993
OU4 Management Plan	February 15, 1993
OU4 RI/FS	July 01, 1994
OU4 ROD	February 15, 1995
OU4 RD/RA Scope of Work	June 06, 1995
OU4 Remedial Design	•
OU4 Remedial Action Work Plan	•

#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

**OU4 LFI Work Plan** 

**OU4 LFI Report** 

OU4 IRA Proposed Plan

OU4 Health and Safety Plan

OU4 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives

**OU4 ARARS Evaluation** 

**OU4 Remedial Investigation Report** 

**OU4 Baseline Risk Assessment** 

**OU4 Feasibility Study** 

OU4 Proposed Plan

OU4 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU4 Remedial Design, 60 %

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#### PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

OU5 Management Plan April 15, 1992

OU5 RVFS December 15, 1993

OU5 ROD August 15, 1994

OU5 RD/RA Scope of Work December 04, 1994

**OU5 Remedial Design** 

**OU5 Remedial Action Plan** 

#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

**OU5 Health and Safety Plan** 

**OU5 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives** 

**OU5 ARARs Evaluation** 

**OU5** Remedial Investigation Report

**OU5 Baseline Risk Assessment** 

**OU5 Feasibility Study** 

**OU5** Proposed Plan

OU5 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU5 Remedial Design, 60 %

<sup>\*</sup> Determined in RD/RA Scope of Work in accordance with section 24.3 of the Federal Facility Agreement

#### PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

**OU6 Management Plan** 

January 15, 1994

OU6 RI/FS (includes Basewide)

September 01, 1995

OU6 ROD (includes Basewide)

May 15, 1996

OU6 RD/RA Scope of Work

September 03, 1996

**OU6 Remedial Design** 

**OU6** Remedial Action Plan

#### SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

OU6 Health and Safety Plan

OU6 Conceptual Site Model/Data Quality Objectives

**OU6 ARARS Evaluation** 

**OU6 Remedial Investigation Report** 

**OU6 Baseline Risk Assessment** 

OU6 Feasibility Study

**OU6 Proposed Plan** 

OU6 Remedial Design, 35 %

OU6 Remedial Design, 60 %

<sup>\*</sup> Determined in RD/RA Scope of Work in accordance with section 24.3 of the Federal Facility Agreement

#### PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

OU7 IRA ROD April 01, 1993

OU7 Management Plan October 01, 1993

OU7 RI/FS March 15, 1995

OU7 ROD November 15, 1995

OU7 RD/RA Scope of Work March 05, 1996

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# Basewide Remedial Activities PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

Basewide Investigation Work Plan
Community Relations Plan

November 15, 1991

November 01, 1991

SECONDARY DOCUMENTS

Basewide Background Sampling Plan
Basewide Ecological Survey

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# **ATTACHMENT D**



### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

December 20, 1994

Reply To Attn Of: so-155

Thomas P. Cook Chief, Civil Law Office of the Staff Judge Advocate 600 Richardson Drive; #5000 Attn: APVR-FR-JA Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505-5000

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DEPARTMENT OF

Breck Tostevin Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska 1031 West Fourth Avenue Suite 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Federal Facility Agreement for Fort Richardson, Alaska

Dear Messrs. Cook and Tostevin:

Enclosed with this letter are the final, conformed copies of the Fort Richardson Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). The original FFA has been filed with the EPA Region 10 Regional Hearing Clerk. Also attached to the FFA are the Scope of Work, source area table, and operable unit and community relations schedules.

Thank you for all of your time and effort in seeing this document through negotiations and final concurrence. EPA looks forward to a continuing cooperative relationship as the response actions continue at Fort Richardson. If you have any questions, please call me at (206) 553-1744.

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20		Based on the information available to the Parties on the
21	effective	date of this Federal Facility Agreement ("Agreement"),
22		ut trial or adjudication of any issues of fact or law, the
23	Parties a	gree as follows:
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#### I. JURISDICTION

Each Party is entering into this Agreement pursuant to the following authorities:

- Agency ("U.S. EPA"), Region 10, enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") pursuant to Section 120(e)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(1), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499 (hereinafter jointly referred to as "CERCLA"); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h), and 6961, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 ("HSWA") (hereinafter jointly referred to as "RCRA"); and Executive Order 12580;
- 1.2 U.S. EPA, Region 10, enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to interim actions and final remedial actions pursuant to Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h), and 6961; and Executive Order 12580;
- 1.3 The Army enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to the RI/FS pursuant to Section 120(e)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(1); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928, and 6961;

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42 U.S.C. § 4321, and the Defense Environmental Restoration Program ("DERP"), 10 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.;

The Army enters into those portions of this Agreement that relate to interim actions and final remedial actions pursuant to Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2); Sections 3004(u) and (v), 3008(h), and 6001 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924(u) and (v), 6928(h), and 6961; Executive Order 12580; and the DERP. 200

1.5 The State of Alaska Department Environmental Conservation ("ADEC") enters into this Agreement pursuant to Sections 107, 120(e), 120(f), and 121(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607, 9620(e), 9620(f), and 9621(f); Alaska Statutes 46.03, 46.04, 46.08, 46.09; and 18 Alaska Administrative Code ("AAC") 60, 18 AAC 62, 18 AAC 70, 18 AAC 75,2218 AAC 78, and 18 AAC 80. \*\*\*

#### **DEFINITIONS** II.

2.1 The terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 101 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601; the NCP, 40 CFR 300.5; and Section 1004 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903. In addition:

- "ADEC" shall mean the State of Alaska as represented by the Department of Environmental Conservation, its employees, agents, and authorized representatives;
- "Agreement" shall mean this document and shall (b) include all Attachments to this document. All such Attachments

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shall be incorporated by reference and are an integral and enforceable part of this document;

- (C) "ARAR" or "Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement" shall mean any standard, requirement, criterion, or limitation as provided in Section 121(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(2), and the NCP;
- (d) "Authorized representative" may include a designated contractor or any other designee;
- (e) "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("SARA"), Pub. L. 99-499;
- (f) "Critical Path Method" or "CPM" shall mean the methodology that uses certain techniques to represent multiple relationships between stages in a complicated project undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. This methodology shows the precedence relationships between the various activities specified in a given project and can be used to control and monitor the progress, cost and resources of a project. This methodology also identifies the most critical activities in the project.
- (g) "Days" shall mean calendar days, unless otherwise specified. Any submittal that under the terms of this Agreement would be due on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or state holiday shall be due on the following business day;
- (h) "Interim Remedial Actions" or "IRAs" are discussed in the Preamble to 40 CFR 300.430(a)(1), 55 Fed. Reg.

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8703-8706 (March 8, 1990), and shall mean all discrete actions implemented under remedial authority that are taken to prevent or minimize the release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants so that they do not endanger human health or the environment. Interim actions shall neither be inconsistent with nor preclude implementation of the final expected Site remedy and shall be undertaken in accordance with the NCP, 40 CFR Part 300, as amended, and with the requirements of CERCIA;

- (i) "Army" shall mean the United States Army and, to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement (including appropriations and congressional reporting requirements), its employees, agents, successors, assigns, and authorized representatives;
- (j) "NCP" shall mean the National Oil Land Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300, as amended;
- (k) "Operable Unit" or "OU" means a discrete action that comprises an incremental step toward comprehensively addressing Site problems. This discrete portion of a remedial response manages migration, or eliminates or mitigates a release, threat of a release, or pathway of exposure. The cleanup of a site can be divided into a number of operable units, depending on the complexity of the problems associated with the site. Operable units may address geographical portions of a site, specific site problems, or initial phases of an action, or may consist of any set

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of actions performed over time or any actions that are concurrent but located in different parts of a site;

- "Paragraph" shall mean a numbered paragraph of (1) this Agreement, designated by an Arabic numeral;
- (m) "Part" shall mean one of the thirty-seven (37) subdivisions of this Agreement, designated by a Roman numeral;
  - (n) "Parties" shall mean the Army, U.S. EPA, and
- "Preliminary Source Evaluation" (O) and "Preliminary Source Evaluation Report" ("PSE") shall mean the process (and resulting documentation) of evaluating releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants from source areas with the potential to constitute a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment. Preliminary Source Evaluation as described in Attachment I, may consist of two phases: an existing data evaluation (PSE 1) and/or a limited field investigation (PSE 2).
- (q) "RCRA" shall mean the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seg., as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 ("HSWA"), Pub. L. 98-616:
- (q) "Record of Decision" or "ROD" is discussed at 40 CFR 300.430 and shall mean the document that summarizes the selection of an interim remedial action or a final remedial action, and all facts, analyses of facts, and source-specific policy

determinations considered in the course of carrying out activities at the Site;

- (r) "Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Management Plan" shall mean a comprehensive document describing all activities planned within the RI and the FS process to include the Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan ("FSP"), Quality Assurance Project Plan ("QAPP"), Health and Safety Plan ("HSP"), and the Community Relations Plan ("CRP"):
- "Removal" is defined by Section 311(a)(8) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(8), and shall mean the removal of oil or hazardous substances from the water and shorelines or the taking of such other actions as may be necessary to minimize or mitigate damage to the public health, welfare, or to As defined by Section 101(23) of CERCLA, the environment. 42 U.S.C. § 9601(23), removal shall mean the cleanup or removal of released hazardous substances from the environment; such actions as may be necessary in the event of the threat of release of hazardous substances into the environment; such actions as may be necessary to monitor, assess, and evaluate the release or threat of release of hazardous substances; the disposal of removed material; or the taking Of such other actions as may be necessary to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to the public health or welfare or to the environment that may otherwise result from a release or threat of release. The term includes, in addition, without being limited to, security fencing or other measures to limit access, provision of alternative water supplies, temporary evacuation and housing of

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threatened individuals not otherwise provided for, action taken under Section 104(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(b), post-removal site control, where appropriate, and any emergency assistance that may be provided under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974. For the purpose of the NCP, the term also includes enforcement activities related thereto;

- (t) "Scope of Work" shall mean the planning document prepared by the Army, in consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC, and in accordance with OSWER Directive 9835.8 that identifies the source-specific objectives and general management approach for the RI/FS process for the Site and/or operable unit(s);
- (u) "Site" shall mean the physical boundaries of Fort Richardson facility, which occupies approximately 61,900 acres near. Anchorage, Alaska. The Site includes other area(s) contaminated by the migration of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or constituents from sources at Fort Richardson;
- (v) "Statement of Work" shall mean the detailed elaboration of the Scope of Work that defines the requirements for developing a management plan;
- (w) "U.S. EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency, including Region 10, its employees, agents, and authorized representatives; and
- (x) "Work Plan" shall mean the RI/FS or RA Work Plan that is to be prepared in accordance with Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response ("OSWER") Directives 9355.3-01 (October 1988) and 9355.0-4A (June 1986), and the NCP.

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#### III. PURPOSE

- 3.1 The general purposes of this Agreement are to:
- (a) Ensure that the environmental impacts associated with past and present activities at the Site are thoroughly investigated and that appropriate removal and/or remedial action(s) is/are taken as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and the environment;
- (b) Establish a procedural framework and schedule for developing, implementing, and monitoring appropriate response actions at the Site in accordance with CERCLA, the NCP, national Superfund guidance and policy, RCRA, national RCRA guidance and policy, and applicable state law; and,
- (c) Facilitate cooperation, exchange of information and participation of the Parties in such actions.
  - 3.2 Specifically, the purposes of this Agreement are
- (a) Investigate historical information about the Site in order to identify those sources of contamination that can be addressed under this Agreement;
- (b) Identify removal and Interim Remedial Actions ("IRA") alternatives that are appropriate at the Site prior to the implementation of final remedial action(s) for the Site. IRA alternatives shall be identified and proposed to the Parties as early as possible prior to formal proposal of IRA(s) to U.S. EPA and ADEC pursuant to CERCLA and applicable state law. This process

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is designed to promote cooperation among the Parties in identifying IRA alternatives prior to selection of final IRA(s);

- (c) Establish requirements for the performance of a Remedial Investigation ("RI") to determine fully the nature and extent of the threat to the public health or welfare or the environment caused by the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site, and to establish requirements for the performance of an FS for the Site to identify, evaluate, and select alternatives for the appropriate remedial action(s) to prevent, mitigate, or abate the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site in accordance with CERCLA and applicable state law;
- (d) Identify the nature, objective, and schedule of response actions to be taken at the Site. Response actions at the Site shall attain that degree of cleanup of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants mandated by CERCLA and applicable State law;
- (e) Implement the selected interim and final remedial action(s) in accordance with CERCLA and applicable state law, and meet the requirements of Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(2), for an interagency agreement among the Parties;
- (f) Assure compliance, through this Agreement, with RCRA and Other federal and state hazardous waste laws and regulations for matters covered herein;

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- (g) Coordinate response actions at the Site with the mission and support activities at Fort Richardson;
- (h) Expedite the cleanup process to the extent consistent with protection of human health and the environment;
- (i) Provide for ADEC involvement in the initiation, development, selection, and enforcement of remedial actions to be undertaken at Fort Richardson, including the review of all applicable data as it becomes available, and the development of studies, reports, and actions plans; and to identify and integrate state ARARs into the remedial action process; and
- (j) Provide for operation and maintenance of any remedial action selected and implemented pursuant to this Agreement.

# IV. PARTIES BOUND

4.1 This Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon the Army, U.S. EPA, and ADEC. This Agreement shall also apply to subsequent owners and operators of any portion of the Site. The Army agrees to include notice of this Agreement in any document transferring ownership of property owned by the Wnited States to any subsequent owners and operators of any portion of the Site in accordance with Section 120(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(h), 40 CFR §§ 264.119 and 264.120, and Part XXXII of this Agreement. The requirement for such notice shall apply to real property sold or transferred between agencies of the United States, between the United States and private Parties, and between the United States and state and local governments.

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27 20 identity of its contractors and subcontractors performing work under this Agreement. The Army shall provide copies of this Agreement to all contractors and subcontractors performing work under this Agreement. The Army shall ensure that all contractors and subcontractors performing work under this agreement have sufficient experience to deal with the relevant remedial activities at the Site.

The Army will notify U.S. EPA and ADEC of the

4.3 Each undersigned representative of a Party certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to legally bind such Party to this Agreement.

# V. RCRA-CERCLA INTEGRATION

The Parties intend to integrate the Army's CERCLA response obligations and RCRA corrective action obligations that relate to the release(s) of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, hazardous constituents, pollutants, or contaminants covered by this Agreement into this comprehensive Agreement. Therefore, the Parties intend that activities covered by this Agreement will achieve compliance with CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.; satisfy the corrective action requirements of Sections 3004(u) and (v) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6924(u) and (v), for a RCRA permit, and Section 3008(h), 42 U.S.C. § 6928(h), for interim status facilities; and meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate federal and state laws and regulations, to the extent required by Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621, and applicable state law.

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 5.2 Based upon the foregoing, the Parties intend that any remedial action selected, implemented, and completed under this Agreement will be protective of human health and the environment such that remediation of releases covered by this Agreement shall obviate the need for further corrective action under RCRA (i.e., no further corrective action shall be required). The Parties agree that with respect to releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents covered by this Agreement, RCRA shall be considered an ARAR pursuant to Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621. Releases or other hazardous waste activities not covered by this Agreement remain subject to all applicable state and federal environmental requirements.

5.3 The Parties recognize that the requirement to obtain permits for response actions undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be as provided for in CERCLA and the NCP. The Parties further recognize that ongoing hazardous waste management activities at Fort Richardson may require the issuance of permits under federal and state laws. This Agreement does not affect the requirements, if any, to obtain such permits. However, if a permit is issued to the Army for ongoing hazardous waste management activities at the Site, U.S. EPA or ADEC shall reference and incorporate any appropriate provisions, including appropriate schedules (and the provision for extension of such schedules), of this Agreement into such permit. With respect to those portions of this Agreement incorporated by reference into permits, the Parties intend that judicial review of the incorporated portions shall, to

the extent authorized by law, be reviewed only under the provisions of CERCLA.

5.4. Nothing in this Agreement shall alter any Party's rights with respect to removal actions conducted pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604. Any removal actions conducted at the Site shall be conducted in a manner consistent with this Agreement, CERCLA, the NCP, and Executive Order 12580.

### VI. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 6.1 For purposes of this Agreement, the following constitutes a summary of the facts upon which this Agreement is based. None of the facts related herein are admissions nor are they legally binding upon any Party with respect to any unrelated claims of persons not a Party to this Agreement.
- 6.2 Fort Richardson encompasses approximately 25,000 acres near Anchorage, Alaska. Included in this is an ordinance impact area, an airfield, a manoeuver area, a cantonement area, and housing for Fort Richardson personnel.
- 6.3 Major sources of contamination at Fort Richardson include areas of white phosphorus at Eagle River Flats, PCB contamination at the Roosevelt Road transmitter site, volatile organic compounds at the Poleline Road disposal area, and the fire training pits.
- 6.4 Fort Richardson was proposed for inclusion on the CERCLA National Priorities List ("NPL") in June 1993. 58 Fed. Reg. 34018 (June 23, 1993).

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.7  6.5 The Parties enter this Agreement with the expectation that Fort Richardson will list final on the NPL. Upon final listing, the Project Managers shall, in writing, modify Paragraph 6.4 of this Agreement to include the appropriate Federal Registry citation. If Fort Richardson fails to list final on the NPL, any Party may void this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Parties.

### VII. REGULATORY DETERMINATIONS

- 7.1 For purposes of this Agreement, the following constitutes a summary of the Regulatory Determinations upon which this Agreement is based. None of the Regulatory Determinations rélated herein are admissions nor are they legally binding upon any Party with respect to any unrelated claims of person(s) not a Party to this Agreement.
- within the meaning of Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9);
- 7.3 Hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants within the meaning of Sections 101(14) and 104(a)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(14) and 9604(a)(2), have been disposed of at the Site;
- 7.4 There have been releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment within the meaning of Sections 101(22), 104, 106, and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601(22), 9604, 9606, and 9607, at and from the Site;

- 7.5 With respect to those releases, the Army is an owner and/or operator within the meaning of Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607;
- 7.6 The actions to be taken pursuant to this Agreement are reasonable and necessary to protect human health and the environment; and
- 7.7 A reasonable time for beginning and/or completing the actions has been, or will be, provided.

### VIII. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

### A. Work to be Performed

- generated prior to the effective date of this Agreement be retained and utilized to the maximum extent technically feasible in accordance with applicable law.
- 8.2 The Army will conduct and finance the cost of each RI/FS or other consultant studies in accordance with each RI/FS Management Plan or Work Plan and implement the RD/RA at the site in accordance with the appropriate RD and the RA Work Plan, and all relevant statutes and regulations.
- 8.3 All work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be under the direction and supervision, or in consultation with, a qualified engineer, geologist, or equivalent expert with expertise in hazardous substances remedial investigation and/or remediation.

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- 8.4 The Army shall perform the tasks and submit plans, reports, and other documents as required by the Plans.
- 8.5 These matters are set forth in more detail below and in the subsequent RI/FS Management Plans, PSE Work Plans, and RA Work Plans. This Agreement fully incorporates the provisions of these Plans that relate to the implementation of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, definitions and procedures for submission, review, and approval of documents. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Plans, this Agreement shall govern unless and until duly amended pursuant to Part XXXIII of this Agreement.

# B. Preliminary Source Evaluation

8.6 The Army shall evaluate known and potential sources of contamination under the PSE process pursuant to Attachment I.

# C. Interim Remedial Actions

8.7 The Army shall, where appropriate, develop and implement Interim Remedial Actions ("IRAs"). The IRA(s) shall be consistent with the purposes set forth in Part III of this Agreement.

### D. Remedial Investigations

8.8 The Army shall develop, implement, and report upon remedial investigations of the Site. These investigations shall comply with applicable requirements of CERCLA; the NCP; and, to the extent set forth in this Agreement, pertinent written national guidance and U.S. EPA national policy.

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# E. Feasibility Studies

8.9 The Army shall design, propose, undertake, and report upon feasibility studies for the Site. These studies shall comply with applicable requirements of CERCLA; the NCP; and, to the extent set forth in this Agreement, pertinent written national quidance and U.S. EPA national policy.

# F. Remedial Actions

RA alternative. ADEC may recommend to U.S. EPA the RA alternative it deems appropriate. U.S. EPA and the Army, in consultation with ADEC, shall make final selection of the RA(s) for each OU. In the event of disagreement, U.S. EPA shall make final selection of the RA(s). The selection of RA(s) by the U.S. EPA Regional Administrator shall be final, subject to Part XXXVI.

# G. Technical Review Committee

- 8.11 Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2705(c), the Army shall establish a technical review committee ("TRC") and, in consultation with the Parties, shall provide for representatives from the following organizations to serve as members of the TRC:
  - a. A representative from the Army;
  - b. A representative from the ADEC;
  - A representative from the U.S. EPA;
  - A representative from the municipality of Anchorage; and

communities, such as the Eagle River community council and other such representatives.

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- 8.12 The purpose of the TRC is to afford a forum for cooperation between the Army and concerned local officials and citizens and to provide a meaningful opportunity for the members of the TRC to become informed and to express their opinion about significant aspects of the RI/FS or the RD/RA process.
- 8.13 The Army Base Commander or delegate shall serve as the Chair of the TRC meetings. The Chair shall schedule regular meetings of the TRC as necessary and appropriate. Regular meetings of the TRC shall be for the purpose of reviewing progress under the RI/FS or the RD/RA and discussing other matters of interest to the TRC. Special meetings of the TRC may be held at the request of members.

# H. Compliance with the Off-Site Rule

8.14 Any hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant transferred or otherwise managed off-site as a result of this Agreement must be taken to a facility acceptable under U.S. EPA's Off-Site Rule (58 Fed. Reg. 49200) (September 22, 1993), codified at 40 C.F.R. § 300.440, in accordance with Section 121(d)(3) of CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(3).

### IX. PROJECT MANAGERS

9.1 U.S. EPA, ADEC, and the Army shall each designate a Project Manager and Alternate (hereinafter jointly referred to as Project Manager) for the purpose of overseeing the

implementation of this Agreement. Within five (5) days of the effective date of this Agreement, each Party shall notify the other 2 Parties of the name and address of its Project Manager. Any Party 3 may change its designated Project Manager by notifying the other Parties, in Writing, within five (5) days of the change. 5 Communications between the Parties concerning the terms and 6 7 conditions of this Agreement shall be directed through the Project Managers as set forth in Part XIV of this Agreement. Each Project 8 Manager shall be responsible for assuring that all communications 9 from the other Project Managers are appropriately disseminated and 10 processed by their respective Agencies. 11

- 9.2 Project Managers shall have the authority to:

  (1) take samples, request split samples, and ensure that work is performed properly and in accordance with the terms of any final Management Plan; (2) observe all activities performed pursuant to this Agreement, take photographs, and make such other reports on the progress of the work as the Project Managers deem appropriate; (3) review records, files, and documents relevant to this Agreement; (4) recommend and request minor field modifications to the work to be performed pursuant to the Agreement, or in techniques, procedures, or designs utilized in carrying out this Agreement; (5) exercise the authorities granted to them in this Part, and the NCP; and (6) act in accordance with Paragraph 33.1 (Modification/Amendment of Agreement).
- 9.3 Each Project Manager shall be, or rely on, a qualified and competent person with experience in hazardous

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The Project Managers may, in accordance with Part XX(J) of this Agreement, make minor field modifications to the work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, or in techniques, procedures, or designs utilized in carrying out this Agreement, including approval of the addition or redefinition of operable units/hazardous waste areas, without resort to Part XXXIII of this Agreement. Any such modification proposed by any Party pursuant to this Part must be approved orally by all Parties' Project Managers to be effective. The Army Project Manager shall make a contemporaneous record of such modification and approval in a written log, and a summary of the log entry will be included in the next progress report. Even after approval of the proposed modification, no Project Manager will require implementation by a government contractor without approval of the appropriate Government Contracting Officer.

- 9.5 The Project Manager for the Army shall be responsible for day-to-day field activities at the Site, and shall have all the authority vested in the On-Scene Coordinator and Remedial Project Manager by the NCP, 40 C.F.R. Part 300. The Project Manager for the Army shall be physically present at the Site, or reasonably available to supervise work, during all hours of work performed at the Site pursuant to this Agreement.
- 9.6 The Project Managers shall be reasonably available to consult on work performed pursuant to this Agreement

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and shall make themselves available to each other for the pendency of this Agreement. The absence of the Army, U.S. EPA, or ADEC Project Managers from the Site shall not be cause for work stoppage or delay.

9.7 The Project Managers may decide to address a source area identified in Attachment I within the scope of a Two Party Agreement between the State of Alaska and the Army. In such a case, and upon unanimous written agreement of the Army, U.S. EPA, and ADEC Project Managers, the agreed upon activities at the source area may commence pursuant to the Two Party Agreement. Such source areas will remain within the scope of this Agreement to the extent established in Part 3.5 of Attachment I.

### X. ACCESS

Without limitation on any authority conferred 10.1 U.S. EPA, ADEC, on them by law, and/or their authorized representatives, shall have authority to enter the Site at all reasonable times for the purposes of, among other things: (1) inspecting records, operating logs, contracts, and other implementation documents relevant to of Agreement: (2) reviewing the progress of the Army, its response action implementing contractors, or agents in this (3) conducting such tests as ADEC and U.S. EPA Project Managers deem necessary; and (4) verifying the data submitted to U.S. EPA and ADEC by the Army. The Army shall honor all requests for such access by U.S. EPA and ADEC, subject only to any statutory or

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regulatory requirement as may be necessary to protect national security or mission-essential activities.

10.2 The Army shall provide an escort whenever U.S. EPA or ADEC require access to areas designated as restricted in accordance with relevant Army Policy. U.S. EPA and ADEC will seek permission from this escort prior to using any camera, sound recording, or other recording device in such restricted areas. The Parties agree that the provision of an escort will not unreasonably delay access or unreasonably restrict use of recording devices. the extent possible, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall provide reasonable notice to the Army Project Manager to request necessary escorts.

All Parties with access to the Site pursuant to this Part shall comply with all applicable health and safety plans.

The Army shall promptly provide EPA or ADEC 10.4 with a full verbal explanation of the reason(s) for denying any access requested by either U.S. EPA or ADEC. In addition, the Army shall, within two days, provide a written explanation of the reason(s) for the denial to the Project Managers, including reference to the applicable regulations, and, upon request, a copy of such regulations. The Army shall, as expeditiously as possible, make alternative arrangements for accommodating the requested access. The Army shall not restrict the access rights of U.S. EPA or ADEC to any greater extent than the Army restricts the access rights of its contractors performing work pursuant to this Agreement.

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10.5 To the extent that this Agreement requires access to property not owned and controlled by the Army, the Army shall exercise its authorities to obtain access pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and will use its best efforts to obtain signed access agreements for itself, its contractors, agents, U.S. EPA, and ADEC, and provide U.S. EPA and ADEC with copies of such agreements. The Army may request the assistance of ADEC in obtaining such access, and, upon such request, ADEC will use their best efforts to obtain the required With respect to the non-Army property upon which monitoring wells, pumping wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions are to be located, the access agreements should provide that no conveyance of title, easement, or other interest in the property shall be consummated without provisions for the continued operation of such wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions on the property. The access agreements should also provide to the extent practicable that the owners of any property where monitoring wells, pumping wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions are located shall notify the Army, ADEC, and the U.S. EPA by certified mail, at least thirty (30) days prior to any conveyance, of the property owner's intent to convey any interest in the property and of the provisions made for the continued operation of the monitoring wells, treatment facilities, or other response actions installed pursuant to this Agreement. The requirement for such notice shall apply to real property sold or transferred between agencies of the United States,

 between the United States and private Parties, and between the United States and state and local governments.

10.6 Nothing in this Part shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Army to exercise the authority of the President under Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), as delegated by Executive Order 12580.

### XI. SAMPLING AND DATA/DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Parties shall make available to each other quality-assured results of sampling, tests, or other data generated by or on behalf of any Party under this Agreement within sixty (60) days of field testing or the submittal of data to the laboratory. If quality assurance is not completed within sixty (60) days, preliminary data or results shall be made available within the sixty (60) day period and quality assured data or results shall be submitted as they become available but in no event later than one hundred (100) days after testing or the submittal of data to the laboratory. These periods can be extended upon mutual agreement among the Project Managers.

U.S. EPA Project Manager, the Army shall allow split or duplicate samples to be taken by ADEC or U.S. EPA during sample collection conducted during the implementation of this Agreement. The Army's Project Manager shall notify the U.S. EPA and ADEC Project Managers not less than fourteen (14) business days in advance of any

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scheduled well drilling, sample collection, or other monitoring activity, conducted pursuant to this Agreement. The Project Managers will be notified prior to any unscheduled sampling event. The fourteen (14) day notification can be waived upon mutual agreement among the Project Managers.

- 11.3 If preliminary analysis indicates a potential imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health, all Project Managers shall be immediately notified.
- 11.4 Laboratory reports shall be made available at the Site for the review of the Parties immediately upon completion of laboratory analysis.

### XII. OUALITY ASSURANCE

12.1 Throughout all sample collection, transportation, and analyses activities conducted in connection with this Agreement, the Army shall use procedures for quality assurance, for quality control, and for chain-of-custody in accordance with approved U.S. EPA methods, including "Interim Guidelines and Specifications for Preparing Quality Assurance Project Plans," QAMS-005/80, "Data Quality Objective Guidance," U.S. EPA 1540/687/003 and 004, and subsequent amendments to such quidelines. The Army shall require each laboratory it uses to perform any analysis according to approved U.S. EPA methods and to demonstrate a quality assurance/quality control program consistent with that followed by U.S. EPA and consistent with U.S. EPA document QAMS-005/80.

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### XIII. REPORTING

- 13.1 The Army shall submit to the other Parties quarterly written progress reports. The reports will include, but not be limited to, the following information:
- (a) A detailed summary of all of the remedial, removal, and investigation activities during the previous quarter, including any analytical results, any community relations activities, and any community contacts or inquiries related to the hazardous substance contamination at the Site;
- (b) An outline of the planned activities for the upcoming quarter and a revised depiction of the timeline for Attachment I using the CPM process. Any revisions to the primary milestones to this timeline shall be made pursuant to the procedures specified in Part XXXIII of this Agreement;
- (c) A detailed statement of the manner and the extent to which the timetables and deadlines are being met;
- (d) The status of efforts to obtain rights-of-entry necessary for monitoring and well installation off-Base; and
- (e) The status of any other activities proposed or underway, personnel changes, or funding availability, that affects or potentially affects any phase of the activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.
- 13.2 The quarterly written progress reports shall be submitted on the twentieth (20th) day of each calendar quarter following the effective date of this Agreement.

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XIV. NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

by mutual agreement of the Project Managers.

the Army shall notify the Parties promptly upon learning that any

CPM milestone may be or has been missed. CPM milestones include milestones that affect or potentially affect the timely delivery of a primary or secondary document, and any other milestone identified

14.1 All Parties shall expeditiously transmit primary and secondary documents, and all notices required herein. Time limitations shall commence upon receipt.

14.2 Unless otherwise provided, notice to the individual Parties shall be provided under this Agreement to the following addresses:

# (A) For the Army:

Cristal Fosbrook, Project Manager 6th ID(L) & USAG, AK Public Works Attn: APVR-PW Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505 (Ph.) (907) 384-3044 (Fax) (907) 384-3047

In addition to the requirements of this Part,

### and

Col. Robert Wrentmore
Director, Public Works
Attn: APVR-PW
HQ, 6th Infantry Division
Fort Richardson, Alaska 99505

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For U.S. EPA: (B)

> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Superfund Federal Facility Branch 1200 Sixth Avenue, HW-124 Seattle, Washington 98101 Attn: R. Matthew Wilkening, Project Manager (Ph.) 206-553-1284 (Fax) 206-553-0957

#### (C) For the State of Alaska:

Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation Southcentral Regional Office Contaminated Site Program 3601 "C" Street, Suite 1334 Anchorage, AK 99503 Attn: Jennifer Roberts, Project Manager (Ph.) 907-563-6529 (Fax) 907-273-4331

#### XV. PERMITS

Nothing in this Agreement relieves the Army from the requirement of obtaining an otherwise applicable permit or other authorization whenever it proposes a response action involving the shipment or movement off-Site of a hazardous substance, or undertakes any activities not directly related to response actions at the Site.

### RETENTION OF RECORDS

The Army shall preserve for a minimum of ten (10) years after termination and satisfaction of this Agreement the Administrative Record, and any post-Record of Decision primary and secondary documents and reports in their possession or in the possession of their divisions, employees, agents, accountants, contractors, or attorneys that relate to the presence of hazardous FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT 28 FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA - Page 30

wastes and constituents, hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site or to the implementation of this Agreement, despite any document retention policy to the contrary. After this ten (10) year period, the Army shall notify the other Parties at least forty-five (45) days prior to destruction or disposal of any such documents or records. Upon request by any Party, the Army shall make available such records or documents, or true copies. Documents may be converted to permanent electronic or optical media and paper originals disposed of after forty-five (45) days notification to the other Parties.

### XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

17.1 The Parties agree that this Agreement and any subsequent plan(s) for remedial action at the Site arising out of this Agreement shall comply with the administrative record and public participation requirements of CERCLA, including Sections 113(k) and 117 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9613(k) and 9617, the NCP, and U.S. EPA national guidance on public participation and administrative records.

The Army shall develop and implement a Community Relations Plan ("CRP") that responds to the need for an interactive relationship with all interested community elements, both on- and off-Site, regarding activities and elements of work undertaken by the Army. The Army agrees to develop and implement the CRP in a manner consistent with Section 117 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9617, the NCP, and U.S. EPA national guidance.

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17.3 The Army shall establish and maintain a certified copy of the administrative record at or near Fort Richardson in accordance with Section 113(k) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(k). The administrative record shall be established and maintained in accordance with U.S. EPA national policy and guidelines. Army shall provide to U.S. EPA and ADEC a copy of the Administrative Record Index, with updates as changes occur. In addition, the Army shall promptly provide copies of any document included in the Administrative Record to U.S. EPA and/or ADEC, upon request.

### XVIII. CREATION OF DANGER/EMERGENCY ACTION

18.1 In the event U.S. EPA or ADEC determine that activities conducted pursuant to this Agreement, or any other circumstances or activities, are creating an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of the people on the Site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, U.S. EPA or ADEC may require or order the Army to stop further implementation of this Agreement for such period of time as needed to abate the danger. Any unilateral work stoppage for longer than twenty-four (24) hours requires the concurrence of the U.S. EPA Division Director, in accordance with Paragraph 21.9.

18.2 In the event the Army determines that activities undertaken in furtherance of this Agreement or any other circumstances or activities at the Site are creating an imminent and substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of the people on the Site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the

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Army may stop implementation of this Agreement for such periods of 3 4 5

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time necessary for U.S. EPA and ADEC to evaluate the situation and determine whether the Army should proceed with implementation of the Agreement or whether the work stoppage should be continued until the danger is abated. The Army shall notify the other Parties as soon as is possible, but not later than twenty-four (24) hours after such stoppage of work, and provide U.S. EPA and ADEC with documentation of its analysis in reaching this determination within five (5) days of any such stoppage. If, after consultation with ADEC, U.S. EPA disagrees with the Army determination, it may require the Army to resume implementation of this Agreement.

18.3 If U.S. EPA concurs in the work stoppage by the Army, or if U.S. EPA or ADEC require or order a work stoppage, the Army's obligations shall be suspended and the time periods for performance of that work, as well as the time period for any other work dependent upon the work that was stopped, shall be extended, pursuant to Part XXV of this Agreement. Any disagreements pursuant to this Part shall be resolved through the dispute resolution procedures in Part XXI of the Agreement by referral directly to the DRC.

#### XIX. FIVE YEAR REVIEW

19.1 If a remedial action is selected that results in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the Site, the Parties shall review such remedial action no less often than each five (5) years after the initiation of such remedial action to assure that human health and the environment are

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being protected by the remedial action being implemented. The U.S. EPA Project Manager and the ADEC Project Manager shall advise the Army Project Manager of their findings in this regard. If any Party determines that additional action is required, the Agreement may be amended pursuant to Part XXXIII. If the Parties are unable to agree on the need to amend this Agreement, dispute resolution under Part XXI shall be available to any Party.

### XX. CONSULTATION WITH U.S. EPA AND ADEC

### A. Applicability

The provisions of this Part establish the procedures that shall be used by the Parties to provide each other with appropriate notice, review, comment, and response to comments regarding RI/FS and RD/RA documents, specified herein as either primary or secondary documents. In accordance with Section 120 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620, and 10 U.S.C. § 2705, the Army will normally be responsible for issuing primary and secondary documents to U.S. EPA and ADEC. As of the effective date of this Agreement, all draft and draft final documents for any deliverable document identified herein shall be prepared, distributed, and subject to dispute in accordance with Paragraphs 20.3 through 20.24.

"final" is solely for purposes of consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC in accordance with this Part. Such designation does not affect the obligation of the Parties to issue documents, which may be referred to herein as "final," to the public for review and comment as appropriate and as required by law.

# B. General Process for RI/FS and RD/RA Documents

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Primary documents include those documents that are major, discrete portions of RI/FS or RD/RA activities. Primary documents are initially issued by the Army in draft subject to review and comment by U.S. EPA and ADEC. Following receipt of comments on a particular draft primary document, the Army will respond to the comments received and issue a draft final primary document subject to dispute resolution. The draft final primary document will become the final primary document either thirty (30) days after the submittal of a draft final document if dispute resolution is not invoked, unless otherwise agreed as provided in Paragraph 20.18, or as modified by decision of the dispute resolution process. U.S. EPA and ADEC shall, within the first fifteen (15) days of this thirty (30) day period for finalization of draft final primary documents, identify to the Army any issues or comments in order to provide sufficient time for review, discussion, and modification of draft final documents as necessary to resolve potential disputes.

20.4 Secondary documents include those documents that are discrete portions of the primary documents and are typically input or feeder documents. Secondary documents are issued by the Army in draft subject to review and comment by U.S. EPA and ADEC. Although the Army will respond to comments received, the draft secondary documents may be finalized in the context of the corresponding primary documents. A secondary document may be disputed only at the time the corresponding draft

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final primary document is issued. However, RD/RA SOWs may be disputed as if they were a primary document.

### c. Primary Documents

- 20.5 The Army shall complete and transmit draft documents for the following primary documents to U.S. EPA and ADEC for review and comment in accordance with the provisions of this Part:
  - (a) Community Relations Plan ("CRP")
  - (b) Preliminary Source Evaluation ("PSE") 2 Report
  - (c) RI/FS Management Plan, including Scope of Work, Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan ("FSP"), Quality Assurance Project Plan ("QAPP"), and Treatability Study Work Plan (as needed)
  - (d) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"), including RI, Baseline Risk Assessment, FS
  - (e) Record of Decision ("ROD")
  - (f) Pre-Final (95%) Remedial Design ("RD")
  - (g) Remedial Action ("RA") Work Plan, as needed
  - (h) RA Report
  - (i) Operation & Maintenance ("O & M") Report, as needed
  - (j) Close-Out Report, as needed
- 20.6 Only the draft final documents for the primary documents identified above shall be subject to dispute resolution. The Army shall complete and transmit draft primary documents in

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accordance with the schedules and deadlines established pursuant to Part XXIV of this Agreement. Primary documents may include secondary document target dates as provided for in Paragraph 20.8. The purpose of target dates is to assist the Army in meeting deadlines, but target dates do not become enforceable by their inclusion in the primary documents and are not subject to Parts XXII, XXIII, XXIV, and/or XXV.

### D. Secondary Documents

- 20.7 The Army shall complete and transmit draft documents for the following secondary documents to U.S. EPA and ADEC for review and comment in accordance with the provisions of this Part:
  - (a) PSE 1 Report
  - (b) PSE 2 Work Plan >
  - (c) Statement of Work
  - (d) Conceptual Site Model, and initial identification of DQO's, ARARS, and TBCs
  - (e) Health and Safety Plan ("HSP")
  - (f) Treatability Study Report, as needed
  - (g) Proposed Plan
  - (h) 35% Remedial Design, as needed
  - (i) RD Work Plan
    - (j) Base-wide Studies (other than the CRP) and Monitoring Documents
    - (k) Sampling and Data Results
    - (1) Additional secondary documents, as agreed.

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20.8 U.S. EPA and ADEC will comment on the draft documents for the secondary documents listed above. Such documents shall not be subject to dispute resolution except as provided by Paragraph 20.4. Target dates shall be established pursuant to Part XXIV of this Agreement for the completion and transmission of draft secondary documents.

# Meetings of the Project Managers on Development of Documents

20.9 The Project Managers shall meet or confer at least every thirty (30) days, except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, to review and discuss the progress of work being performed at the Site on the primary and secondary documents. Prior to preparing any draft document specified in Paragraphs 20.5 and 20.7 above, the Project Managers shall meet to discuss the document results in an effort to reach a common understanding, to the maximum extent practicable, with respect to the results to be presented in the draft document. Prior to the development of either a Statement of Work, Management Plan, or Sampling and Analysis Plan, the Project Managers shall meet to develop a Scope of Work that will be used when preparing a Sampling and Analysis Plan or Management Plan for a remedial site inspection or investigation.

# F. Identification and Determination of Potential ARARS

For those primary or secondary documents that consist of or include ARAR determinations, prior to the issuance of a draft document the Project Managers shall meet to identify and propose, to the best of their ability, all potential ARARs pertinent to the document being addressed. ADEC shall identify all

potential state ARARS as early in the remedial process as possible consistent with the requirements of Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621, and the NCP. The Army shall consider any official written interpretations of ARARS provided by ADEC. Draft ARAR determinations shall be prepared by the Army in accordance with Section 121(d)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621(d)(2), the NCP, and pertinent written national guidance issued by U.S. EPA and ADEC, which is not inconsistent with CERCLA and the NCP.

20.11 In identifying potential ARARs, the Parties recognize that actual ARARs can be identified only on a source-specific basis and that ARARs depend on the specific hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at a source, the particular actions proposed as a remedy, and the characteristics of a source. The Parties recognize that ARAR identification is necessarily an iterative process and that potential ARARs must be re-examined throughout the RI/FS process until a ROD is issued.

# G. Review and Comment on Draft Documents

20.12 The Army shall complete and transmit each draft primary document to U.S. EPA and ADEC on or before the corresponding deadline established for the issuance of the document. The Army shall complete and transmit the draft secondary document in accordance with the target dates established for the issuance of such documents.

20.13 Unless the Parties mutually agree to another time period, all draft documents shall be subject to a thirty (30) day period for review and comment. Review of any document by U.S. EPA

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or ADEC may concern all aspects of the document (including 1 completeness) and should include, but is not limited to, technical 2 3 evaluation of any aspect of the document, and consistency with CERCLA, the NCP, applicable state laws, and any pertinent national 4 5 quidance or policy issued by U.S. EPA or ADEC. Comments by U.S. EPA and ADEC shall be provided with adequate specificity so that 6 the Army may respond to the comments and, if appropriate, make 7 8 changes to the draft document. Comments shall refer to any pertinent sources of authority or references upon which the 9 comments are based, and, upon request of the Army, U.S. EPA or ADEC 10 11 shall provide a copy of the cited authority or reference. In cases involving complex or unusually lengthy reports, U.S. EPA or ADEC 12 may extend the thirty (30) day comment period for an additional 13 twenty (20) days by written notice to the Army prior to the end of the thirty (30) day period. On or before the close of the comment 15 period, W.S. EPA and ADEC shall transmit by next day mail their 16 17 written comments to the Army.

20.14 Representatives of the Army shall make themselves readily available to U.S. EPA and ADEC during the comment period for purposes of informally responding to questions and comments on draft documents. Oral comments made during such discussions need not be the subject of a written response by the Army on the close of the comment period.

20.15 In commenting on a draft document that contains a proposed ARAR determination, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall include a reasoned statement of whether they object to any portion of the

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proposed ARAR determination. To the extent that U.S. EPA or ADEC do object, they shall explain the basis for their objection in detail and shall identify any ARARs that they believe were not properly addressed in the proposed ARAR determination.

draft document, the Army shall give full consideration to all written comments on the draft document submitted during the comment period. Within thirty (30) days of the close of the comment period on a draft secondary document, the Army shall transmit to U.S. EPA and ADEC its written response to comments received within the comment period. Within thirty (30) days of the close of the comment period on a draft primary document, the Army shall transmit to U.S. EPA and ADEC a draft final primary document that shall include the Army's response to all written comments received within the comment period. While the resulting draft final document shall be the responsibility of the Army, it shall be the product of consensus to the maximum extent possible.

20.17 The Army may extend the thirty (30) day period for either responding to comments on a draft document or for issuing the draft final primary document for an additional twenty (20) days by providing notice to U.S. EPA and ADEC. In appropriate circumstances, this time period may be further extended in accordance with Part XXV.

# H. Availability of Dispute Resolution for <u>Draft Final Primary Documents</u>

Project Managers may agree to extend by fifteen

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documents provided in Paragraph 20.3 for discussion and modification of draft final primary documents as necessary to resolve potential disputes:

20.19 Dispute resolution shall be available to the Parties for draft final primary documents as set forth in Part XXI.

20.20 When dispute resolution is invoked on a draft final primary document, work may be stopped in accordance with the procedures set forth in Part XXI (Dispute Resolution).

### I. Finalization of Documents

as the final primary document if no Party invokes dispute resolution regarding the document or, if invoked, at completion of the dispute resolution process should the Army's position be sustained. If the Army's determination is not sustained in the dispute resolution process, the Army shall prepare, within not more than thirty-five (35) days, a revision of the draft final document that conforms to the results of dispute resolution. In appropriate circumstances, the time period for this revision process may be extended in accordance with Part XXV hereof.

# J. Subsequent Modifications

20.22 Following finalization of any primary document pursuant to Paragraph 20.21 above, any Party may seek to modify the document, including seeking additional field work, pilot studies, computer modeling, or other supporting technical work, only as provided in Paragraphs 20.23 and 20.24.

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A Party may seek to modify a document after finalization if it determines, based on new information (i.e., information that became available, or conditions that became known, after the document was finalized) that the requested modification is necessary. A Party may seek such a modification by submitting a concise written request to the Project Managers of the other The request shall specify the nature of the requested modification and how the request is based on new information.

In the event that a consensus among the 20.24 Parties is reached, the modification shall be incorporated by reference and become fully enforceable under the Agreement. In the event that a consensus is not reached by the Project Managers on the need for a modification, any Party may invoke dispute resolution as provided in Part XXI to determine if modification shall be made. Modification of a document shall be required only upon a showing that: (1) the requested modification is based on significant new information, and (2) the requested modification could be of significant assistance in evaluating effects on human health or the environment, in evaluating the selection of remedial alternatives, or in protecting human health or the environment.

20.25 Nothing in this Part shall alter U.S. EPA's or ADEC's ability to request the performance of additional work that was not contemplated by this Agreement. The Army's obligation to perform such work must be established by either a modification of a document or by amendment to this Agreement.

### XXI. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

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Except as specifically set forth elsewhere in 21.1 this Agreement, if a dispute arises under this Agreement, the procedures of this Part shall apply. All Parties to this Agreement shall use their best efforts to informally resolve disputes at the Project Manager level. If the Project Managers cannot resolve the issue, the Project Managers shall elevate the informal dispute to their immediate supervisors through written notification to each such supervisor no later than five (5) days before the thirty (30) day time period specified in Paragraph 21.3 is set to expire. The immediate supervisors shall have five (5) days from the date the supervisors were notified in writing by the Project Managers to resolve the informal dispute. If the dispute still cannot be resolved informally, the following procedures of this Part shall be implemented to resolve a dispute.

21.2 It is the intent of the Parties to this Agreement that all formal disputes brought under this Part be resolved by the DRC or the SEC. This Agreement provides that the Army and ADEC may elevate a formal dispute to the Administrator of U.S. EPA for final resolution. However, the Army and ADEC intend that generally only those disputes which are determined to have significant national policy implications will be so elevated.

21.3 Within thirty (30) days after: (1) the issuance of a draft final primary document pursuant to this Agreement, or (2) any action that leads to or generates a dispute, the disputing Party shall submit to the Dispute Resolution

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Committee ("DRC") a written statement of dispute setting forth the nature of the dispute, the work affected by the dispute, the disputing Party's position with respect to the dispute, and the information the disputing Party is relying upon to support its position.

21.4 Prior to any Party's issuance of a written statement of dispute, the disputing Party shall engage the other Parties in informal dispute resolution among the Project Managers and/or their immediate supervisors. During this informal dispute resolution period the Parties shall meet as many times as are necessary to discuss and attempt resolution of the dispute.

The DRC will serve as a forum for resolution 21.5 of disputes for which agreement has not been reached through informal dispute resolution. The Parties shall each designate one individual and an alternate to serve on the DRC. The individuals designated to serve on the DRC shall be employed at the policy level (SES or equivalent) or be delegated the authority to participate on the DRC for the purposes of dispute resolution under The U.S. EPA representative on the DRC is the this Agreement. Division Director ("Division Hazardous Waste Director") U.S. EPA's Region 10. The Army's designated member is the Garrison Commander for Fort Richardson. ADEC's designated member is the South Central Regional Administrator of ADEC. Written notice of any delegation authority from Party's of a designated representative on the DRC shall be provided to all other Parties.

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 21.6 Following elevation of a dispute to the DRC, the DRC shall have twenty-one (21) days to unanimously resolve the dispute and issue a written decision. The DRC members shall, as appropriate, confer, meet, and exert their best efforts to resolve the dispute and issue a written decision signed by all Parties. If the DRC is unable to unanimously resolve the dispute within this 21-day period, the written statement of dispute shall be forwarded by the disputing party to the Senior Executive Committee ("SEC") for resolution within seven (7) days after the close of the twenty-one (21) day resolution period.

The SEC will serve as the forum for resolution of disputes for which agreement has not been reached by the DRC. EPA's representative on the SEC is the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 10. ADEC's representative on the SEC is the Division Director of Spill, Prevention and Response. Army's representative on the SEC is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health). The SEC members shall, as appropriate, confer, meet and exert their best efforts to resolve the dispute.

21.8 Following elevation of a dispute to the SEC, the SEC shall have twenty-one (21) days to unanimously resolve the dispute and issue a written decision signed by all Parties. If the SEC is unable to resolve the dispute within this 21-day period, then the Regional Administrator of U.S. EPA shall issue a final written position on the dispute within fourteen (14) days. The time for issuing such a decision may be extended by EPA for an

additional seven (7) days upon notice to other Parties. This authority cannot be delegated.

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Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the 21.9 EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator's final written position on the dispute, the Army or ADEC may request that the Administrator of EPA resolve the dispute. The request must be in Writing, and must identify the basis for the dispute by the Secretary of the Army or the Commissioner of ADEC and whether the dispute has significant national policy implications. If no such request is made within the fourteen (14) day period, the Army and ADEC shall be deemed to have agreed with the EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator's written position. If such a request is made, the EPA Administrator will review and resolve the dispute in accordance with applicable law and regulations within twenty-one (21) days. Upon request and prior to resolving the dispute, the Administrator shall meet and confer with all the Parties to discuss the issues under dispute. The Administrator shall provide five (5) days advance notice of such a meeting to all Parties in order to afford the Parties the opportunity to attend. Upon resolution, the Administrator shall provide the Parties with a written final decision setting forth resolution of the dispute. The duties of the EPA Administrator set forth in this Part shall not be delegated.

21.10 The pendency of any dispute under this Part shall not affect the Army's responsibility for timely performance of the work required by this Agreement, except that the time period for completion of work affected by such dispute shall be extended

FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT 28 FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA - Page 47 for a period of time usually not to exceed the actual time taken to resolve any good faith dispute in accordance with the procedures specified herein. All elements of the work required by this Agreement that are not affected by the dispute shall continue and be completed in accordance with the applicable schedule.

When dispute resolution is in progress, work 21.11 affected by the dispute will immediately be discontinued if the Hazardous Waste Division Director for U.S. EPA's Region 10 or the Director of ADEC request, in writing, that work related to the dispute be stopped because, in U.S. EPA's or ADEC's opinion, such work is inadequate or defective, and such inadequacy or defect is likely to yield an adverse effect on human health or the environment, or is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the remedy selection or implementation process. To the extent possible, U.S. EPA and ADEC shall consult with all Parties prior to initiating a work stoppage request. After stoppage of work, if any Party believes that the work stoppage is inappropriate or may have potential significant adverse impacts, that Party may meet with the other Parties to discuss the work stoppage. Following this meeting, and further consideration of the issues, the U.S. EPA Region 10 Hazardous Waste Division Director will issue, in writing, a final decision with respect to the work stoppage. written decision of the U.S. EPA Region 10 Hazardous Waste Division Director may immediately be subjected to formal dispute resolution. Such dispute may be brought directly to either the DRC or the SEC, at the discretion of the Party requesting dispute resolution.

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21.12 Within twenty-one (21) days of resolution of a dispute pursuant to the procedures specified in this Part, the Army shall incorporate the resolution and final determination into the appropriate plan, schedule, or procedures and proceed to implement this Agreement according to the amended plan, schedule, or procedures.

21.13 Resolution of a dispute pursuant to this Part of the Agreement constitutes a final resolution of that dispute arising under this Agreement. All Parties shall abide by all terms and Conditions of any final resolution of dispute obtained pursuant to this Part of this Agreement.

# XXII. ENFORCEABILITY

# 22.1 The Parties agree that:

(a) Upon the effective date of this Agreement, any standard, regulation, condition, requirement, or order which has become effective under CERCLA and is incorporated into this Agreement is enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659, and any violation of such standard, regulation, condition, requirement, or order will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c);

(b) All deadlines associated with the RI/FS shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659, and any violation of such deadlines will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c);

 (c) All terms and conditions of this Agreement that relate to interim or final remedial actions, including corresponding schedules and deadlines, and all work associated with the interim or final remedial actions, shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659(c), and any violation of such terms or conditions will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c); and

- (d) Any final resolution of a dispute pursuant to Part XXI of this Agreement that establishes a term, condition, schedule, or deadline shall be enforceable by any person pursuant to Section 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9659(c), and any violation of such term, condition, schedule, or deadline will be subject to civil penalties under Sections 109 and 310(c) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9609 and 9659(c).
- 22.2 The Parties agree that all Parties shall have the right to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

# XXIII. STIPULATED PENALTIES

23.1 In the event that the Army fails to submit a primary document to U.S. EPA and ADEC pursuant to the appropriate timetable or deadline in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, or fails to comply with a term or condition of this Agreement that relates to an interim or final remedial action, U.S. EPA may assess a stipulated penalty against the Army. A stipulated penalty may be assessed in an amount not to exceed five thousand

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26 27 dollars (\$5,000) for the first week (or part thereof), and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each additional week (or part thereof) for which a failure set forth in this Paragraph occurs.

23.2 Upon determining that the Army has failed in a manner set forth in Paragraph 23.1, U.S. EPA shall so notify the Army in writing. If the failure in question is not already subject to dispute resolution at the time such notice is received, the Army shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice to invoke dispute resolution on the question of whether the failure did, in fact, occur. The Army shall not be liable for the stipulated penalty assessed by U.S. EPA if the failure is determined, through the dispute resolution process, not to have occurred. No assessment of a stipulated penalty shall be final until the conclusion of dispute resolution procedures related to the assessment of the stipulated penalty.

23.3 The annual reports required by Section 120(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(5), shall include, with respect to each final assessment of a stipulated penalty against the Army under this Agreement, each of the following:

- a. The facility responsible for the failure;
- b. A statement of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the failure;
- c. A statement of any administrative or other corrective action taken at the relevant facility, or a statement of why such measures were determined inappropriate;
- d. A statement of any additional action taken by or at the facility to prevent recurrence of the same type of failure; and

- e. The total dollar amount of the stipulated penalty assessed for the particular failure.
- 23.4 Stipulated penalties assessed pursuant to this Part shall be payable to the Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund only in the manner and to the extent expressly provided for in Acts authorizing funds for, and appropriations to, the U.S. Department of Defense.
- 23.5 In no event shall this Part give rise to a stipulated penalty in excess of the amount set forth in Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609.
- 23.6 This Part shall not affect the Army's ability to obtain an extension of a timetable, deadline, or schedule pursuant to Part XXV of this Agreement.
- 23.7 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to render any officer or employee of the Army personally liable for the payment of any stipulated penalty assessed pursuant to this Part.

# XXIV. DEADLINES

- 24.1 Enforceable deadlines (subject to extension pursuant to Parts XXV and XXXIII) for the draft primary documents are established in Attachment I.
- The Army will propose secondary document target dates not otherwise established in Attachment I. Within twenty-one (21) days of finalization of each ROD, the Army shall submit an RD/RA SOW, which is a consensus document subject to dispute but is not a primary document. The RD/RA SOW will include proposed target dates for completion of the applicable draft FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA Page 52

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secondary documents and deadlines for completion of the following draft primary documents:

- (a) Remedial Design
- (b) Remedial Action Work Plan

The Remedial Action Work Plan will establish additional primary and secondary documents, deadlines, and/or target dates. If the Parties agree on the proposed deadlines and/or target dates, the finalized deadlines and/or target dates shall be incorporated into the Agreement. If the Parties fail to agree within thirty (30) days on the proposed deadlines and/or target dates, the matter shall immediately be submitted for dispute resolution pursuant to Part XXI of this Agreement. The deadlines shall be published utilizing the procedures set forth in Paragraph 24.4.

- 24.3 The Army shall provide notification to U.S. EPA and ADEC within thirty (30) days of identifying a new potential source area. Unless the Parties agree on another disposition, new source areas will be addressed under the last scheduled OU as described in Attachment I.
- 24.4 The final deadlines established pursuant to this Part shall be published by U.S. EPA, in conjunction with ADEC.

# XXV. EXTENSIONS

25.1 Either a deadline or a schedule shall be extended upon receipt of a timely request for extension and when good cause exists for the requested extension. Any request for extension by a Party shall be submitted in writing to the Project Managers and shall specify:

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- The deadline or the schedule that is sought to be extended;
- b. The length of the extension sought;
- c. The good cause(s) for the extension; and
- d. Any related deadline or schedule that would be affected if the extension were granted.

Good cause exists for an extension when sought in regard to:

- a. An event of Force Majeure;
- b. A delay caused by another Party's failure to meet any requirement of this Agreement;
- c. A delay caused by the good faith invocation of dispute resolution or the initiation of judicial action;
- d. A delay caused, or that is likely to be caused, by the grant of an extension in regard to another deadline or schedule; and
- e. Any other event or series of events mutually agreed to by the Parties as constituting good cause.
- 25.2 Absent agreement of the Parties with respect to the existence of good cause, the requesting Party may seek and obtain a determination through the dispute resolution process that good cause exists.
- 25.3 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a request for an extension of a deadline or a schedule, the other Parties shall advise the requesting Party, in writing, of their respective positions on the request. Any failure by the other Parties to respond within fourteen (14) days shall be deemed to constitute concurrence in the request for extension. If any Party does not concur in the requested extension, it shall include in its

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statement of nonconcurrence an explanation of the basis for its position.

25.4 If there is consensus among the Parties that the requested extension is warranted, the deadline or schedule affected shall be extended accordingly. If there is no consensus among the Parties as to whether all or part of the requested extension is warranted, the deadline or schedule shall not be extended except in accordance with a determination resulting from the dispute resolution process.

25.5 Within seven (7) days of receipt of a statement of nonconcurrence with the requested extension, the requesting Party may invoke dispute resolution.

extension shall toll any assessment of stipulated penalties or application for judicial enforcement of the affected deadline or schedule until a decision is reached on whether the requested extension will be approved. If the Army invokes dispute resolution and the requested extension is denied, stipulated penalties may be assessed and may accrue from the date of the original deadline or the date EPA or ADEC denied, in writing, the Army's requested extension, whichever is later. Following the grant of an extension, an assessment of stipulated penalties or an application for judicial enforcement may be sought only to compel compliance with the deadline or schedule as most recently extended.

#### XXVI. FORCE MAJEURE

26.1 A Force Majeure shall mean any event arising from causes beyond the control of a Party that causes a delay in or prevents the performance of any obligation under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, acts of God; fire; insurrection; civil disturbance; explosion; unanticipated breakage or accident to machinery, equipment, or lines of pipe despite reasonably diligent maintenance; adverse weather conditions that could not be reasonably anticipated: unusual delay transportation; restraint by court order or order of public authority; inability to obtain, at a reasonable cost and after exercise of reasonable diligence, any necessary authorizations, approvals, permits, or licenses due to action or inaction of any qovernmental agency or authority other than the Army; delays caused by compliance with applicable statutes or regulations governing contracting, procurement, or acquisition procedures, despite the exercise of reasonable diligence; and insufficient availability of appropriated funds, if the Army shall have made timely request for such funds as part of the budgetary process as set forth in Part XXVII of this Agreement. A Force Majeure shall also include any strike or other labor dispute, whether or not within the control of the Parties affected thereby. Force Majeure shall not include increased costs or expenses of response actions, whether or not anticipated at the time such response actions were initiated.

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27.1 It is the expectation of the Parties to this Agreement that all obligations of the Army arising under this Agreement will be fully funded. The Army agrees to seek sufficient funding through the U.S. Department of Defense budgetary process to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

27.2 In accordance with Section 120(e)(5)(B) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620(e)(5)(B), the Army shall include in its annual report to Congress the specific cost estimates and budgetary proposals associated with the implementation of this Agreement.

27.3 Funds authorized and appropriated annually by the "Environmental Restoration, Congress under appropriation in the U.S. Department of Defense Appropriation Act and allocated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Environment) to the Army Will be the source of funds for appropriate activities required by this Agreement consistent with Section 211 of SARA, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 160. However, should the Environmental Restoration, Defense appropriation be inadequate in any year to meet the total Army CERCLA implementation requirements, the U.S. Department of Defense shall employ and the Army shall follow a standardized U.S. Department of Defense prioritization process that allocates that year's appropriations in a manner that maximizes the protection of human health and the environment. standardized U.S. Department of Defense prioritization model shall be developed and utilized with the assistance of U.S. EPA and the states.

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27.4 Any requirement for the payment or obligation of funds, including stipulated penalties, by the Army established by the terms of this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and no provision herein shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341. In cases where payment or obligation of funds, including stipulated penalties, would constitute a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, the dates established requiring the payment or obligation of such funds shall be appropriately adjusted.

27.5 If appropriated funds are not available to fulfill the Army's obligations under this Agreement, U.S. EPA and ADEC reserve the right to initiate an action against any other person or to take any response action that would be appropriate absent this Agreement.

with the Project Managers from ADEC and U.S. EPA before the Army submits its budget estimates for fiscal year 1995 and beyond. The Project Managers for the Parties shall consult and assist the Army in development of the scoping process and the cost estimates, including the development of the assumptions that are part of the cost estimates, for completion of the tasks under this Agreement. As part of this consultation process, the Army's Project Manager shall submit the assumptions proposed to be used by the Army to the Project Managers for U.S. EPA and ADEC. The Project Managers for the Parties shall then discuss and concur in writing regarding the

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its budget estimates for fiscal year 1995 and beyond. The budget documents prepared by the Army shall clearly establish that the Army has requested all necessary funds to carry out its obligations under this Agreement for the applicable budget year and shall include information similar to that contained in the Army's Expanded Exhibit 2 Report identified in the 1383 Data Base Management (Version 2). The Army shall honor all reasonable requests by U.S. EPA or ADEC to review documentation or information regarding the budget, which relate to this Agreement. All budget documents related to this Agreement shall be retained and shall, upon request, be provided to U.S. EPA and/or ADEC in the event of an extension request, Force Majeure, or other event based on a funding limitation.

assumptions and cost estimates to be used by the Army in developing

# XXVIII. RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

28.1 The Army and U.S. EPA agree to amend this Part at a later date in accordance with any subsequent national resolution of the currently contested issue of cost reimbursement.

28.2 The Army and ADEC agree to use the Defense/State Memorandum of Agreement signed on June 1, 1990, for the reimbursement of services provided in direct support of the Army environmental restoration activities at the Site pursuant to this Agreement.

# XXIX. OTHER CLAIMS

29.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed as a bar or release from any claim, cause of action,

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or demand in law or equity by or against any persons, firm, partnership, or corporation not a signatory to this Agreement for any liability it may have arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement or the generation, storage, treatment, handling, transportation, release, or disposal of any hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, hazardous constituents, pollutants, or contaminants found at, taken to, or taken from the Site.

- 29.2 U.S. EPA and ADEC shall not be held as a Party to any contract entered into by the Army to implement the requirements of this Agreement.
- 29.3 The Army shall notify the appropriate federal and state natural resource trustees as required by Section 104(b)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(b)(2), and Section 2(e)(2) of Executive Order 12580. Except as provided herein, the Army is not released from the liability that it may have pursuant to any provisions of state and federal law for any claim for damages or liability for destruction of, or loss of, natural resources.
- 29.4 This Agreement shall not restrict U.S. EPA and/or ADEC from taking any legal or response action for any matter not covered by this Agreement.

# XXX. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

30.1 All actions required to be taken pursuant to this Agreement shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable state and federal laws and regulations unless an exemption from such requirements is provided in this Agreement, CERCLA, or the NCP.

# XXXI. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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31.1 The Army may assert on its own behalf, or on behalf of a contractor, subcontractor, or consultant. confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested by any Party to this Agreement pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and 32 CFR Part 806. Analytical data shall not be claimed as confidential by the Army, unless it may disclose information that has already been so classified for reasons of national security. Information determined to confidential by the Army pursuant to 32 CFR Part 806 shall be afforded the protection specified therein and such information shall be treated by ADEC as confidential. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is submitted to either regulatory agency, the information may be made available to the public without further notice to the Army.

# XXXII. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

32.1 Conveyance of title, easement, or other interest in the Site to other agencies of the United States, to private parties, and to state and local governments, shall be in accordance with Section 120 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9620, as amended, and applicable U.S. EPA and Department of Defense guidance and policy. Army shall notify U.S. EPA and ADEC of any such conveyance at least ninety (90) days prior to such conveyance.

# XXXIII. MODIFICATION/AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

33.1 Modifications, extensions, and/or actions taken pursuant to Parts IX (Project Managers), XI (Sampling and

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Data/Document Availability), XII (Quality Assurance), XIII (Reporting), XX (Consultation with U.S. EPA and ADEC), XXIV (Deadlines), and XXV (Extensions) may be effected by the unanimous written agreement of the Project Managers for U.S. EPA, ADEC, and the Army.

- 33.2 Modifications or amendments not permitted by Paragraph 33.1 may be effected only by the unanimous agreement of the signatories or upon completion of Dispute Resolution, as applicable.
- 33.3 Any modification or amendment shall be reduced to writing; shall be effective as of the date it is signed by all the Project Managers for U.S. EPA, ADEC, and the Army, or by the signatories, as applicable; and shall be incorporated into, and modify, this Agreement.

# XXXIV. SEVERABILITY

34.1 If any provision of this Agreement is ruled invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected by such ruling, unless the dispute resolution process determines that the severed provision materially impacts upon another provision.

# XXXV. TERMINATION AND SATISFACTION

35.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed satisfied when the Parties unanimously agree that the Army has completed its obligations under the terms of this Agreement. Any Party may propose in writing the termination of this Agreement upon a showing that the requirements of this Agreement have been

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satisfied. A Party opposing termination of this Agreement shall serve its objection upon the other Parties within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposal. Any objection shall describe in detail the additional work needed to satisfy the requirements of the Agreement. Any Party may invoke dispute resolution as to the request for or objection to a proposal to terminate.

# XXXVI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

36.1 The Parties agree to exhaust their rights under Parts XX and XXI prior to exercising any rights to judicial review that they may have.

36.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a restriction or waiver of any rights that U.S. EPA or ADEC may have under CERCLA, including, but not limited to, any rights under Section 113 and 310 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9613 and 9659. The U.S. Department of Defense does not waive any rights it may have under CERCLA Sections 120 and 121(f)(3)(c), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9620 and 9621(f)(3)(C); Section 211 of SARA, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 160; and Executive Order 12580.

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exercises its right to withdraw from this Agreement, the Army expressly reserves any jurisdictional claim or defense that it may have in regard to any legal right or remedies pursued by ADEC.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as authorizing any person to seek judicial review of any action or work where review is barred by any provision of CERCLA, including Section 113(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(h).

# XXXVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

37.1 This Agreement is effective upon signature by all the Parties to this Agreement.

Signature sheet for the foregoing Federal Facility Agreement for Fort Richardson, among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety & Occupational Health) DAVID A. BRAMLETT Commanding General 

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REPRESENTED BY:

Tamela J. Tobia, Esq.

Signature sheet for the foregoing Federal Facility 1 Agreement for Fort Richardson, among the U.S. Environmental 2 Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Alaska 3 Department of Environmental Conservation. 5 6 7 8 Commissioner Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 9 State of Alaska 10 200 300 777.5 11 RUCE M. BOTELHO Attorney General 14 State of Alaska 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 REPRESENTED BY: 25 Breck C. Tostevin, Esq. 26 27

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Signature sheet for the foregoing Federal Facility Fort Richardson, among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1.2 REPRESENTED BY: Dean B. Ingemansen, Esq. FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT

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#### ATTACHMENT 1

# FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA U. S. ARMY FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT SCOPE OF WORK

# 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of Attachment 1 is to set forth the elements of work required to be performed in responding to hazardous substance/waste releases, or the threat of such releases, at or from source areas at the U.S. Army's Fort Richardson (referred to collectively here as the Fort) which pose an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment. This document provides the site management approach to implement the remedial response process under the Federal Facility Agreement (the Agreement) entered into by the Army, the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). The source areas at Fort Richardson have been divided into 4 manageable operable units (OUs). A critical path schedule has been developed for performing the general remedial activities at each OU, and an optimal sequence has been established for addressing each OU. The OUs at Fort Richardson have been divided into three categories of remedial activities:

- Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) OUS
- Interim Remedial Action (IRA) OUs
- Preliminary Source Evaluation (PSE) OUs

All response activities performed by Fort Richardson shall be consistent with the Agreement. Figure 1 represents work schedules for completion of the decision process for each identified OU and was developed by the three parties during the Agreement negotiations. The figure depicts starting, interim and completion dates for each OU, and will be updated periodically. Primary document deadlines are enforceable and are contained in Figure 2 of this Attachment.

There are certain source areas (RCRA "units") at Fort Richardson identified in the March 29, 1991 FFCA between EPA and the Army (hereinafter "1991 FFCA") that are subject to RCRA requirements including, but not limited to, interim status closure requirements found at 40 CFR Part 265. The Army, EPA and the State agree that corrective action at the following units which were identified in the 1991 FFCA as subject to RCRA closure requirements will be addressed through CERCLA response actions at operable units ("OUS") under the terms and schedules specified in the FFA: under OU-A: Building 986; OU-C; OB/OD; OU-D: Buildings 700, 704, 35-752, 955, and Circle Road:

The following units will be addressed through a two-party agreement between the State of Alaska and the Army, and when the investigation is complete, they shall be incorporated into the response actions scheduled for either the next available OU or OU-D: Buildings 755 and 45-590.

RCRA requirements at these units shall be addressed through the CERCLA ARARS process specified in the FFA. RCRA public notice and public participation requirements for closure at these units shall be addressed during the CERCLA public notice process specified in the FFA and this Attachment at the time of issuance of the Proposed Plan for that particular OU.

In addition, if a "no-action" decision is made under the FFA and CERCLA for an operable unit which includes units subject to RCRA closure requirements, such units shall remain subject to RCRA closure and post-closure care requirements. The Region 10 RCRA program shall make a final determination whether further closure work under RCRA is necessary with respect to such units.

# 2.0 Source Area Grouping into Operable Units

125 potential source areas have been identified at Fort Richardson in previous studies, and are listed in Table 1. No further remedial action was selected for 79 of these areas. The basis for these decisions will be contained in the Fort Richardson Administrative Record. The remaining source areas were either placed directly into one of the OU categories, or have been designated for parallel-track actions pursuant to a Two Party Agreement with the Army and ADEC (see section 3.5). The criteria used to group these sources into particular OUs include:

- Availability and sufficiency of previously collected data to support remedy selection
- Similarities of source areas and contaminants
- Complexity and size of source areas
- Affected media, potential for migration, exposure pathways and receptors

Levels of investigation for each source (PSE or RI/FS) per Operable Unit are set out below:

# \* Preliminary Source Evaluation

Motorpools/Maintenance facilities
Storm drain outfalls to Ship Creek
Landfill Fire Training Area
Grease Pit #1
Grease Pit #2
Poleline Road Disposal Area
Bldg. 700-transformer storage area
Bldg. 704
Bldg. 726-laundry
Bldg. 35-752-antenna bldg.
Bldg. 796 acid disposal area
Bldg. 955
Circle Rd. Drum site
Dust palliative

# Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

Roosevelt Road PCB site Ruff Road Fire Training Area Bldg. 986-FOL lab. Eagle River Flats Impact Area OB/OD Area, Eagle River Flats

#### • Interim Remedial Action (IRA)

Any appropriate sources may be selected for an IRA. In particular, upon completion of a RSE for OU D the parties will evaluate whether any sources should be addressed by an IRA in accordance with section 3.2 of this Attachment (and applicable provisions of the NCP). An example of a current IRA candidate that will be evaluated by the Project Managers;

Eagle River Flats

# 3.0 Description of Remedial Activities leading to ROD

The purpose of remedial activities that lead to a Record of Decision (ROD) is to gather sufficient information to characterize the potential nature and extent of any possible contamination. Depending on the information available these activities may consist of remedial investigations/feasibility studies, preliminary source evaluations, and/or other activities (Figure 3).

#### 3.1 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

The purpose of the remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) is to investigate the nature and extent of contamination at the Fort Richardson site and to develop and evaluate remedial alternatives, as appropriate. Four RI/FSs are currently planned for Fort Richardson.

The specific RI/FS activities to be conducted during each RI/FS at Fort Richardson are segregated as follows:

- OU specific project planning (e.g., development of a Conceptual Site Model; identification of Data Quality Objectives; integration of proposed activities for the OU with those proposed, or on-going, base-wide and at other OUs)
- revision (if necessary) of the Base-wide Community Relations Plan
- OU specific field investigations
- OU specific sample analysis/validation
- OU specific data evaluation
- OU specific human health risk and ecological assessment.

The OU-specific ecological risk screening assessment will involve an ecological characterization of the source and identify significant ecological exposure pathways. Data gaps identified from OU specific ecological characterization screening studies will be addressed in the last scheduled OU RI/FS to maximize economy of resource utilization. The cumulative effects of specific source area contaminations will also be assessed in the last OU RI/FS.

- OU specific treatability studies
- OU specific RI Report, including Baseline Risk Assessment
- OU specific Remedial Alternatives Development and Screening
- OU specific Detailed Analysis of Alternatives
- OU specific RI/FS Report

To the maximum extent practicable, components of Field Sampling Plans (FSPs), Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPjPs), Work Plans, and Health and Safety Plans (HSPs) approved under an earlier OU submission will be utilized in subsequent submissions to expedite the review process and achieve consistency in the overall remedial action approach.

# 3.1.1 <u>Fagle River Flats Operable Unit</u>

Due to the complex nature of the contaminant at Eagle River Flats (ERF), preliminary field investigations, technological evaluation and screening activities are ongoing functions that will occur prior to the start of the RI/FS process. The project managers will scope, evaluate, and plan yearly activities. Based on the results of the yearly activities, the project managers may initiate removal or interim remedial actions or begin RI/FS activities as agreed upon.

For the ERF OU, a biological technical assistance group (BTAG) will be created. This group shall consist of representatives from the Federal, State, and local governments who possess technical expertise pertaining to the biological and ecological issues posed by the contamination at ERF. The ERF BTAG will replace the former ERF Task Force upon the signing of the proposed ERF BTAG charter. The ERF BTAG is an independent group of environmental agencies interested in the investigation and remediation of the Eagle River Plats area. The BTAG is separate and apart from the Technical Review Committee, described further in Part VIII(H) of the Fort Richardson Federal Facility Agreement.

The purpose of this group is to afford the governmental agencies a forum in which to share information and review progress regarding the RI/FS and RD/RA process at Eagle River Flats, and other matters of interest that may arise in conjunction with the remediation of the ERF Operable Unit.

# 3.2 Interim Remedial Actions

The purpose of the interim remedial actions (IRA-OUS) at Fort Richardson is to achieve early action using remedial authority at those sources which meet the IRA general principles discussed in the NCP. If at any time the information submitted to support the IRA is found to be equivalent to that obtained during an RI/FS and the OU is separable, then the IRA may be upgraded to an early final action.

The Preamble of the NCP, 55 Fed. Reg. 8703-8706 (March 8, 1990), states that to implement an early action under remedial

authority, an operable unit for which an interim remedial action is appropriate should be identified. IRA decisions are intended for straightforward sites that are limited in scope. sufficient to support the action decision is extracted from the ongoing RI/FS or from previous studies and an appropriate set of alternatives is evaluated. Few alternatives, and in some cases only one alternative, should be developed for interim remedial actions. A completed baseline risk assessment generally will not be available or necessary to justify such an action. Qualitative risk information should be organized that demonstrates that the action is necessary to stabilize the site, prevent further degradation, or achieve significant risk reduction quickly. Supporting data, including risk information and the alternatives analysis, can be documented in a focused feasibility study. However, in cases where the relevant data can be summarized briefly and the alternatives are few and straightforward, it may be adequate and more appropriate to document the supporting information in the proposed plan.

# 3.3 Preliminary Source Evaluations

Preliminary Source Evaluations (PSEs) will be conducted at several source areas to identify whether or not these source areas pose an unacceptable potential risk to public health or the environment. The scope of the PSE is intended to be significantly less than that of an RI/FS.

PSE are primarily intended as screening tools to summarize and evaluate existing information. These evaluations may require data gathering efforts which require focused, but limited, field investigations. This information is used to determined qualitative risk.

Prior to performing a PSE, project managers will meet to scope and identify the pathways from suspected sources of contamination to potential receptors. Based on this scoping, a workplan will then be generated and submitted which establishes appropriate Data Quality Objectives (DQOS), and includes a field sampling plan (FSP) and QAPJP, as needed.

At completion of the PSE, a PSE report containing the findings of the investigation/evaluation shall be submitted to the agencies for review and comment. The Project Managers shall then determine, based on the information presented, the disposition of each of the identified sources, and particularly, which specific source areas (if any) in each OU require follow up action. The decision will be reflected in the administrative record.

There are three management options for sources reviewed in a PSE processes: a) No Further Action (NFA), in terms of planning for FFA remediations (such a decision would not prohibit future activity undertaken pursuant to State authority); b) inclusion in an RI/FS; or, c) recommendation for IRA.

If agreement cannot be reached on source disposition for areas which have undergone the PSE process, those areas will be included in an RI/FS and made subject to dispute resolution. In such an event the rationale leading to the decision shall be documented in the administrative record.

# 3.4 Base-wide Studies and Other Documents

Base-wide studies/investigations (e.g., for background sampling), or monitoring (e.g., for groundwater monitoring), not specific to particular OUs but necessary for implementation of the Agreement, will be proposed in separate Plans which will include any necessary FSPs and QAPjPs. The Project Managers will determine scheduling for these Plans, and for the follow-up Reports. Both the Plans and Reports shall be secondary documents.

Documents not specified as primary or secondary documents in the Agreement, but that serve to further facilitate the implementation of the remedial process, may be submitted to US EPA and ADEC as interim reports and technical memoranda for review, comment, and/or discussion, upon agreement of all Project Managers. These documents are typically input (or feeder) documents -- such as data interpretation -- to the primary or secondary documents.

# 3.5 Parallel Track Activity

Certain potential source areas at Fort Richardson, identified in Table 1, will be addressed pursuant to a companion agreement entered into by the Army and the State of Alaska. Generally, these areas are underground storage tanks and other source areas where there are suspected or known releases of petroleum, oil, and/or lubricants (POL).

By a date established by the Project Managers, and at least ninety (90) days prior to submittal of the last OU RI/FS Management Plan, the Army shall provide a report summarizing the status of all source areas listed in Table 1 which have not previously been addressed in a ROD as well as any other source areas discovered during the investigation. Included within this group of source areas will be those areas addressed in the companion agreement (which have not been addressed in earlier RODs). The Project Managers shall review the report, determine

what actions remain to be completed, (e.g. no further action, incorporate into a RI\FS, or continue with the two party action), and decide how best to implement those actions. The Army shall incorporate the Project Managers' decision into the last OU draft RI/FS Management Plan which as a primary document will be subject to dispute resolution (per Part XXI of the Agreement).

#### 3.6 Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports will be prepared by the Army to describe the technical progress at the Fort Richardson site. Quarterly reports will be submitted to U.S. EPA and ADEC as specified in the Agreement.

# 3.7 Recommended Training and Qualifications

To effectively and efficiently implement Attachment 1 activities, appropriate training and qualifications for all Parties' Project Managers are necessary. While the following list of training and qualifications is not required or subject to review and approval by any Party, it is recommended that all Project Managers have expertise or obtain training on a timely basis in the following subject areas:

- implementation of the terms and obligations under the Agreement and Attachment 1
- project management (using CPM)
- CERCLA, NCP, and RCRA (including relevant guidance), as they pertain to the Ft. Richardson FFA and Attachment 1
- Superfund remedial investigation and study procedures
- Superfund remedial design/action process
- available remedial action technologies
- OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations (29 CFR 1910.120)
- human health and ecological risk assessment
- public participation

#### 3.8 Decision Process

The decision process leading to the Record of Decision (ROD) is initiated when there is adequate information to select an interim or final remedy for an OU, as determined by the project managers.

Records of Decision will be signed by the following persons: EPA Regional Administrator or his/her designee, ADEC Southcentral Regional Administrator, and the appropriate Army designee. All Proposed Plans and Record of Decisions, public review and comment periods, responsiveness summaries, and other mechanics of the decision process shall follow the NCP, US EPA guidance, and the Fort Richardson Community Relations Plan.

#### 4.0 <u>Description of Post-ROD Remedial Activities</u>

The decision process for each OU ends when the ROD is signed. If the ROD requires remedial action, a Remedial Design (RD) and Remedial Action (RA) Scope of Work (SOW) shall be developed after ROD signature to define schedules for successfully pursuing and completing the design and implementation of the remedy (Fig. 4).

#### 4.1 RD/RA Scoping

Within 21 days of issuance of each OU ROD the Army shall submit to ADEC and US EPA target dates and deadlines for completion of post-ROD documents in an RD/RA SOW. The RD/RA SOW shall establish the overall strategy for managing post-ROD activity, and shall propose a time-optimal way of phasing necessary elements of the remedial design along with the preliminary strategy for conducting the remedial action. At a minimum, this RD/RA SOW shall include:

- a description of each phase, or work element, of the design (including the intended scope of each phase), and the rationale supporting the break-out; in addition, for each RD work element:
  - a description of the design criteria and assumptions in terms of the technical requirements and performance standards contained in the ROD;
  - o the "critical path" schedule for completion of the design (with identification of necessary secondary document deliverables);
  - o a presentation of the assumptions regarding funding availability, design contractor limitations, and resource needs that have been used to establish the proposed schedules, and will be used in preparing the design;
  - o a description of treatability studies &/or additional field data collection necessary to be

conducted either prior to, or concurrent with, the design; and

- o a description of how projected short term risks associated with implementation of the work element will be assessed.
- the recommended overall RD/RA "critical path" enforceable schedule (through RA work element commencement). The schedule should include a description of the dependency of each RD work element and identification of primary document deliverables;
- anticipated overall post-ROD funding needs (for contractors, e.g.) to complete the remedial design, and funding availability;
- a proposed working schedule for completion of RD activities, and proposals to expedite those activities;
- an outline of suggested modifications to the Community Relations Plan &/or elements of the Plan which will be implemented during RD;
- identification of those secondary documents which are associated with the RD phase (e.g., 35% Design), and target submittal dates; and,
  - a description of issues which require resolution or further analysis,

To streamline the RD/RA process, the RD/RA SOW is not defined as a primary document. The Project managers, however, will have 30 days after submittal to invoke dispute resolution (pursuant to Part XXI of the Agreement) regarding its content.

#### 4.2 RD Process

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If necessary, the RD/RA SOW will call for the submittal of a 35% Design. The 35% Design will be a secondary document and will be developed to include:

- a description of the scope of all preliminary and/or draft design documents
- a description of documents required for other elements of the design (e.g., Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan, Site Health and Safety (H&S) Plan, Quality

Assurance Project Plan (QAPjP)), and schedules for their preparation

- cost estimation for RD
- requirements for correlations between plans and specifications
- identification of substantive permit requirements
- design approval procedures and requirements

Usually, one secondary design document -- the 35% (or, preliminary) Design -- shall be submitted during the RD process. The 35% Design shall include plans and specifications which have been identified in the RD/RA as crucial to an efficacious preliminary review.

A Pre-final Design (95% Design) shall include all aspects of the design, and shall be considered representative of approximately 95% design completion. Resolution of comments on the Pre-final Design, and preparation of reproducible drawings and specifications ready for RD procurement, will constitute the final 5% of the RD (to be submitted in the form of a Draft Final RD). The RD shall include:

- plans/specifications for RA (including design analysis and construction drawings/specifications)
- cost estimation for RA
- appropriate plans (e.g., O&M Plan, QAPjP, Site H&S Plan)
- results of additional required studies, if any
- a summary of ARARs and remediation goals/standards identified in the ROD, and a description of how the RD meets these requirements

# 4.3 RA Process

The RA Workplan shall incorporate, by reference, pertinent aspects of the Pre-final Design (and/or the RD/RA SOW). In addition, the RA Workplan shall:

 specify all relevant changes (i.e., those changes which will impact RA) between the Pre-final Design and the final RD

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- update (and expand upon) the RD/RA "critical path" schedule
- update (and expand upon) the RA cost estimation
- identify all additional RA secondary documents, as necessary

A Prefinal Inspection shall be conducted by the Project Managers, as needed, and possibly an independent fourth party, agreeable to the Project Managers. Following the inspection, the Army will prepare and submit the Prefinal Inspection Report. The Report will be finalized in the context of the RA report, and shall include:

- outstanding construction requirements
- actions required to resolve items
- completion date, and date of final inspection

At the completion of remedial action the Army shall prepare and submit an RA Report. The RA Report shall include:

- consolidation of any and all RA reports for individual work elements
- a brief description of outstanding items from the Prefinal Inspection Report
- synopsis of work discussed in the RA Workplan, and certification that this work was performed
- explanation of any modifications to the RA Workplan
- certification by an independent registered professional engineer that the implemented remedy is both operational and functional
- documentation necessary to support delation of the site from the NPL

# 4.4 OSM

At the completion of O&M activities the Army will prepare and submit an O&M Report. The Report will include:

 consolidation of any and all O&M reports for individual work elements

- description of the OWM activities performed
- results of site monitoring (verifying that the remedy meets the performance criteria)
- explanation of additional OGM (including monitoring) to be undertaken at the site

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Figure 1.b. Generic timeline for RI/FS Implementation.

STEF		TIME (days)
1.	Contract time (Army)	90
2. ·	Collection of data/info on sites, & development of CSM/DQO/ARAR/TBC document & RI/FS MP (Army)	150
	write CSM/DQO/ARAR document & begin other parts of MP	(30)
	review CSM doc. internally & continue work on rest of MP	(30)
	<pre>finalize/re-write CSM document, &amp; continue work on rest of MP</pre>	(30)
	submit CSM document to prj. manage for review; get comments; & contin work on rest of MP	
	re-write MP (including CSM/DQO/ ARAR portion of RI)	(30)
з.	Internal Army Review of RI/FS MP	30
4.	Finalization (internally) of RI/FS MP (Army)	30
5.	Review of RI/FS MP (prj. managers)	30
	then, Army revises MP 30 days after receiving comments, & submits for another (15 day) comment period.	
6.	Field sampling/data collection and validation (Army)	420
	within this timeframe the Army will begin writing the RI Report.	
	approx. a year into this period the prj. managers will meet for severa days to discuss RI data, progress	1

	EPA provides Army PP guidance & example	les	
7.	Review of prelim RI info to direct development of Report (Prj. managers)	5	
8.	Completion of RI Report, & prelim FS info (Army)	30	•
9.	Internal Army Review of RI Report	30	
10.	Finalization (internally) of RI Report (Army)	30	
11.	Review of RI Report (prj. managers)	73. <b>3</b> 0	
	then, Army revises RI within 30 days & submits for another comment period.		
12.	FS scoping (prj. managers)	5	
13.	Preparation of RI/FS (Army)	30	
14.	Internal Army Review of RI/FS	30	27 43.
15.	Finalization (internally) of RI/FS Report (Army)	20 30 30 30 30	i <b>t</b> jik
16.	Review of RI/FS Report (prj. managers)	30	÷4÷3
	then, Army revises RI/FS within 30 days & submits for another (15 day) comment period.	. ₹5₹ ₫ .4,	44 1
17.	Finalization of RI/FS, preparation of Proposed Plan, & start of Public Comment period	100	ų e s
	Preparation of PP "working draft" (Army)	(30)	
	including a 3 day scoping meeting to develop PP annotated outline & graphics needs (prj. managers and		
	Army contractor)	(3)	
	Review of PP "working draft" (prj. managers)	( <u>5</u> )	
	Prj. Managers meet to write 2nd draft of PF	(5)	

	Review 2nd draft PP; Army, EPA & ADEC	(23)
	Prj. Managers meet to resolve comments on 2nd draft PP & to develop ROD annotated outline (include Army contractor)	(7)
	Army should begin preparation of ROD "working draft" at this time	
	Review of draft PP (Army, EPA, ADEC)	(20)
	Army reproduces PP & mails	(10)
18.	Public Comment period & Preparation of Draft ROD	82
	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	(30)
	Review of ROD "working draft" (prj. managers)	(15)
	Army should begin preparation of Responsiveness Summary at this time	
	Prj. Managers meet to discuss "working draft" of ROD	(7)
	Army prepares draft ROD 5.3	(30)
19.	Review of draft ROD & Responsiveness Summary at Army, EPA, & ADEC	30
20.	Prj. Managers meet to resolve draft ROD comments & begin to "brief" internally	7
21.	Army prepares draft Final ROD	23
22.	Parties Review draft final ROD	15
23.	Final ROD concurrence briefs	21
2.4	Final POD due	v

Figure 2 Primary Document Deadlines

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	dates	dates
Management Plan	11/4/94	Pre-final Design TBD*
		RA Work Plan
Dft Final RI/FS	8/27/96	RA Report
		O & M Plan
Dft ROD	3/2/97	Close Out Rpt
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Management Plan	12/5/94	Pre-final Design
		RA Work Plan
Dft Final RI/FS	7/30/96	RA Report
		· : O & M Plan
Dft ROD	2/4/97	Close Out Report
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Management Plan	12/13/95	Pre-final Design
		RA Work Plan
Dft Final RI/FS	8/12/97	RA Report
		O & M Plan
Dft ROD	3/17/98	Close Out Report
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Management Plan	3/1/96	Pre-final Design
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Dft Final RI/FS	2/22/98	RA Report
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Dft ROD	8/31/98	Close Out Report
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ROS1		974	FUEL BLIVET CLNG AREA	DOL	WASHINATER WIFUEL, DETERG.	F	т	NFA	NO EXIDENCE OF RELEASE TO SMIL, AIR, OR GROUND WATER; SURFACE OF CLEANING AREA IS COATED CONCRETE WICURD.	48, 47	1990 RFA
WEIS		975	ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE SHOP, VEH.WASHRACK & OW SEP.		oijgrease fromwask	٠	т	NPA	Due to sufficient controls & Small Quantities dengrated, unlinely for Releases to OW, SW, OR NR.	60, 51 <b>, se</b>	USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT AND 1995 PAFA
R065		97.6	MAINT SHOP, ACYD BATHATK	DOL	WASTE ACIOS	,	т	NFA	UNIT LOCATED HISIDE BUY, DBIG; NO REPORTED RELEASES TO 60%, AIR, OR GROUND YMTER; UNIT BHACTIVE BRICO BY 181; UNIT HAS BEEN REMOVED.	56	1998 RFA
R/356		875	MAINT SHOP, FIR GLAS FR.T.	DOI.	FBERGLASS PARTICLES	F	7	HFA	FILTERS LOCATED INSIDE ALUMINUM BOX INSIDE BUILDING; NO REPORTED RELEASES SON, AIR, OR GROUND WATER.	67	1999 RFA
R067		978	PHOTO LAB. SILVER RECOV.	DPTSM	HYPO SOLUTION	F	F	HFA	SELF-ENCLOSED UNIT INSIDE BL/ILDING; NO REPORTED RELEASES TO SOIL, AIR, OR GROUND WATER.	55	1990 RFA
A.056		978	TASC PAINT SPRAY BOOTH	DPTSM	WASTE PAINTS	F	F	HFA	UNIT LOCATED BISIDE SUR DING; NO REPORTED RELEASES TO SOIL, AIR, OR GROUND WATER	54	1990 RFA
W031		989	RETAL FUEL STORAGE YO	DÓL	Ovesel fuel, gaboline	F	т	NFA	NO EVIDENCE OF RELEASE TO SOB, AIR, OR GROUND WATER;		USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT
POTE		27006	MOOSE RUN GOLF CRISE	BPCA	GREASE, OIL	F	F	NFA	DUE TO SUFFICIENT CONTROLS & SMALL QUANTITIES GENERATED, UNLINELY FOR RELEASING TO GW, SW, OR AIR.	61	1990 RFA
WOLE		7600	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	PW	FILTER BACKWASH WATER SETTLED SLUDGE, FUEL DIL	F	F	NFA	SUBJECT TO NUMBES PERMIT MONITORING		USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT
W026		58012	CENY, HRAT & PWR PLANTAMASTE ACCUM. AREA	PW.	CHESEL FUEL, COAL, FLY ARH	Y	т	NFA	SINCE UNIT IS COVERED, PAVED, AND HANDLED SMALL QUANTITIES OF WASTE, RELEASE TO GROUND WATER SIR SUFFACE WATER UNIVELY.	62, 104-114	USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT AND 1990 RFA
W027		38013	CLASSIFIED WASTE INCIN.		CLASSIFIED WASTE, ASH	7	т	NFA	DUE TO ARSINCE OF HAZARDOUS CONSTITUENTS IN WASTES, NO POTENTIAL FOR HARMFUL RELEASES.	103	USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT AND 1990 RFA
Roys		45010	BOAT SHOP	DPCA	ANTIFREE IE, DRYCLEAR SOLVENT, OX. FAIN! THINKER	F	F	NFA	DUE TO SUFFICIENT CONTROLS & SMALL QUANTITIES GENERATED, UNLIKELY FOR RELEASES TO GAY, SW, CR AIR.	82	1890 RFA
W622		45175	HAZ WASTE STORAGE FAC.	Pw	WASTE SOLVENT/OIL/PAINT FUEL, PCB- CONTAN, MATERIAL	F	,	NFA	INVESTIGATE WAY RCRA PERMITTING PROCESS	68.	USATHAMA 1991 PROPERTY REPORT AND 1990 RFA
R071		45133	HAZ WASTE STORAGE AREA	PyV	CONTAM. BORS (Olufuel)	F	F	NEA	INVESTIGATE MAY RORA PERMITTING PROCESS	29	1996 RFA
HOSS		45/03	178 EOD MAINT FAC	176 EGO		F	F	NFA	DUE TO SUFFICIENT CONTROLS & SMALL QUANTITIES GENERATED, UNLIKELY FOR RELEASES TO GVV, SW, DR AIR.		NONE

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1961 AMANTAZU TROGSH YIRSYDAG		NO EVIDENCE OF RELEASE TO SOIL, AIR, OR GROUND WATER;	NFA	ĸ	ı	WASTE JP-4, JET FUEL, OIL, INDRAULIC FLUID, PETROL. MAPTHA. HEAVY METALS	INISH YAN CO	ANANATHAN TANDAN TUDAR	0C+1>		i čOM
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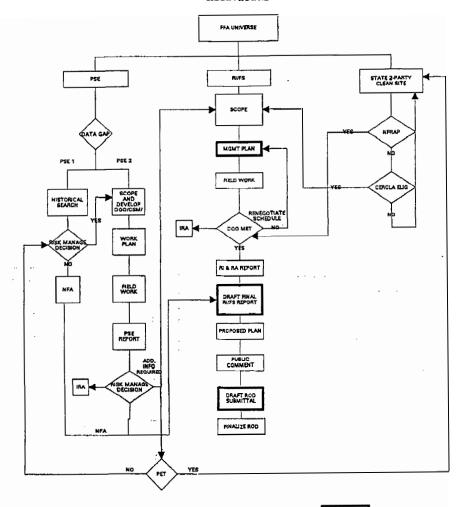
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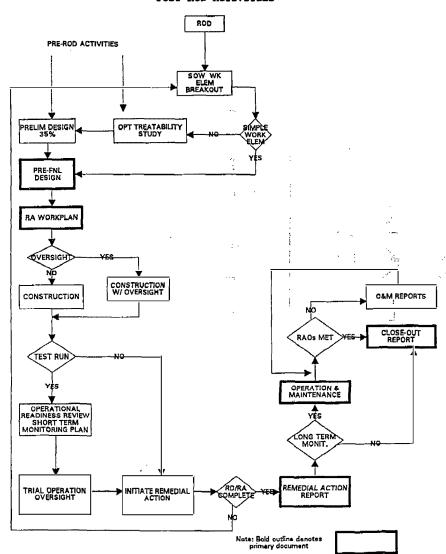
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# HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Office of Waste and Chemicals Management (WCM-121) RCRA Permits Team 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101 (206) 553-1253

Issued in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et. seq., and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and the regulations promulgated thereunder in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124 and 260 through 271.

ISSUED TO: UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF)

Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK 99506-3240

EPA I.D. No.: AK8 57002 8649

This permit is effective as of December 15, 2003 and shall remain in effect until December 15, 2013, unless revoked and reissued under 40 CFR § 270.41, or terminated under 40 CFR § 270.43, or continued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.51(a). This permit will be reviewed five (5) years after the date of issuance, in accordance with Section 3005(c)(3) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c)(3), and 40 CFR § 270.50, and will be modified as necessary to ensure that the facility continues to comply with the currently applicable requirements of Sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924 and 6925.

ISSUED BY: The U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Richard Albright, Director

Office of Waste and Chemicals Management

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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# PART B PERMIT CERTIFICATION [40 CFR § 270.11(d)(1)]

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision according to a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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The following Attachments describing specific requirements from the Permittee's RCRA permit application are hereby incorporated as enforceable conditions of this permit. In the event of any inconsistencies between a permit condition and an Attachment, the permit condition shall prevail.

- Attachment 1 Facility Description
- Attachment 2 Waste Analysis Plan
- Attachment 3 Personnel Training Outline
- Attachment 4 Hazardous Waste Contingency Plan
- Attachment 5 Closure Plan for the TSDF
- Attachment 6 TSDF Plans and Specifications
- Attachment 7 Procedures to Prevent Hazards
- Attachment 8 Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units
- Attachment 9 Federal Facility Agreement

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INTRODUCTION

Permittee: U.S. Air Force

EPA ID Number: AK8 57002 8649

Pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et. seq., (RCRA), and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [codified and to be codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR); a permit is hereby issued to the U.S. Air Force Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB)(hereafter called the Permittee) to operate a hazardous waste container storage unit in Building 11735 at USAF Elmendorf AFB, geographically located in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, at latitude 61 degrees 14 minutes North and longitude 149 degrees 48 minutes West.

The Permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of this hazardous waste facility permit. This permit consists of the conditions contained herein (including those in any attachments), and the applicable regulations contained in 40 CFR Parts 260 through 264, 266, 268, 270, and 124. Any management of hazardous waste subject to 40 CFR Parts 264 or 265, which is not authorized by this permit, is prohibited.

Nothing in this permit shall limit the Agency's authority to undertake, or require any person to undertake, response action or corrective action under any law, including, but not limited to, Section 104 or 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9604 and 9606, and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6973. Nor shall any permit condition relieve the Permittee of any obligations under any law, including, but not limited to, Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9603 to report releases of hazardous wastes, constituents, or substances to, at, or from the facility.

Applicable federal regulations are those that are in effect on the date of final administrative action on this Permit and any self-implementing statutory provisions and related regulations which, according to the requirements of RCRA (as amended), are automatically applicable to the Permittee's hazardous waste management activities, notwithstanding the conditions of this Permit.

This Permit is based upon the administrative record, as required by 40 CFR § 124.9. The Permittee's failure in the application or during the Permit issuance process to fully disclose all relevant facts, or the Permittee's misrepresentation of any relevant facts at any time, shall be grounds for the termination or modification of this Permit and/or initiation of an enforcement action, including criminal

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proceedings. The Permittee shall inform the Administrator of noncompliance with any condition of the Permit or changes to the information provided in the Part B Permit Application that might affect the ability of the Permittee to comply with applicable regulations and permit conditions, or which alter any of the conditions of the Permit in any way.

This Permit includes the provisions of Section 206, 212, and 224 of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), which amended Sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924 and 6925. In particular, Section 3004(u), 42 U.S.C. § 6924(u) requires corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from any solid waste management unit at a treatment, storage, or disposal facility seeking a permit, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit. Section 212 of HSWA provides that permits shall be for a fixed term not to exceed 10 years. Section 3005(c), 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c), provides the Administrator with authority to review and modify the permit at any time. Under Section 6925(h) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(h), RCRA permits for hazardous waste management on the premises where the waste was generated must require the Permittee to certify efforts taken to minimize the amount and toxicity of hazardous waste.

At this time, the State of Alaska does not have an authorized RCRA program pursuant to Section 3006 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926. Therefore, this permit is issued by the EPA since the EPA has primacy under RCRA to enforce it.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Administrator" shall mean the Region 10 Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a designated representative. The Director, Office of Waste and Chemicals Management, EPA Region 10 (with the address as specified on page one of this permit), is a duly authorized and designated representative of the Administrator for purposes of this permit.
- b. "**Daily**" shall mean regular work days, except that no more that four (4) consecutive calendar days shall fall between groups of "**daily**" activities required by this permit.
- c. All definitions contained in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 260 through 270 are hereby incorporated by reference into this permit. Where terms are not defined in the regulations or the permit, the meaning associated with such terms shall be the standard dictionary definition, or their generally accepted scientific or industrial meaning.
- d. Unless otherwise noted, all schedules refer to calendar time; e.g., thirty (30) days means thirty (30) calendar days.
- e. **"Permittee"** means the U. S. Air Force (USAF).
- f. "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, pumping, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of hazardous waste (including hazardous constituents) into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents).
- g. "Solid waste management unit" means any discernible unit at which solid wastes have been placed at any time, irrespective of whether the unit was intended for the management of solid or hazardous waste. Such units include any area at a facility at which hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents have been routinely and systematically released.
- h. **"Hazardous constituent"** means any constituent identified in Appendix VIII of 40 CFR Part 261, or any constituent identified in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 264.
- I. The term "**Agency**" shall mean the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (with the address as specified on page one of this Permit).
- j. The term '**Permit**' shall mean the Permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 3251 eq seq., 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.

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k. The term **"Work"** shall mean any activity the Permittee is required to perform under the permit.

1. The term **"historical"** shall mean any past activity by the Permittee.

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#### **PART I - STANDARD CONDITIONS**

# **I.A.** Effect of Permit

- I.A.1 The Permittee is allowed to store hazardous waste in accordance with the conditions of this Permit. Any storage of hazardous waste governed by 40 CFR Part 264 or 265 not authorized in this permit is prohibited. Compliance with this permit during its effective term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with 40 CFR Parts 264 and 270, for the hazardous waste activities identified and included in this permit, except for any self-implementing provisions and related regulations pursuant to HSWA. All other requirements of RCRA, including the generator requirements of 40 CFR Part 262 and 268, remain applicable to this facility and are not replaced or affected by this permit.
- I.A.2 Compliance with the terms of this permit does not constitute a defense to any order issued or any action brought under any other federal or state law providing for protection of public health or the environment, including but not limited to, Section 3013 or 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6934 or 6973, or any section of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. [40 CFR § 270.4]
- I.A.3 All references to responsibilities of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing office (DRMO), the Defense Reutilization Marketing Service (DRMS), Department of Defense (DoD) or the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in all attachments are references to the Permittee, USAF Elmendorf AFB. The USAF Elmendorf AFB is responsible for all hazardous waste management activities that occur on the facility.

#### I.B. Permit Actions and Modifications

- I.B.1. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, as specified in 40 CFR §§ 270.41, 270.42, and 270.43.
- I.B.2. Filing a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or filing a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance on the part of the Permittee does not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition.
- I.B.3. Except as provided by specific language in this permit, any modification or change in a hazardous waste management practice covered by this permit must be accomplished in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 or 270.42.
- I.B.3.a. A written request must be submitted at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the proposed change in facility design or operation, or not later than sixty (60) calendar days after an unexpected event has occurred which has affected the permit. The

Administrator will approve, disapprove, or modify this request, in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.

I.B.3.b. If the Permittee determines that the corrective action program required by this permit no longer satisfies the requirements of the regulations, the Permittee must, within ninety (90) days, submit a written request for a permit modification to make those changes deemed necessary to satisfy the regulations.

### I.C. Severability

- I.C.1. The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstances, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby. Invalidation of any state or federal statutory or regulatory provision, which forms the basis for any condition of this permit, does not affect the validity of any other state or federal statutory or regulatory basis for said condition. [40 CFR § 124.16(a)(2)]
- I.C.2. In the event that a condition of this permit is stayed for any reason, the Permittee shall continue to comply with the related applicable and relevant and appropriate conditions from the Permittee's previously approved permit until final resolution of the stayed condition, unless the Agency determines that compliance with the previously-approved permit condition would be technologically incompatible with compliance with other conditions of this Permit which have not been stayed.

#### I.D. Personal and Property Rights

I.D.1 Issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege, nor does issuance of the permit authorize any injury to persons or property, any invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local laws or regulations. [40 CFR § 270.30(g)]

#### **I.E.** Duty to Comply

- I.E.1. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit, except to the extent and for the duration such noncompliance is authorized by an emergency permit issued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.61. Any permit noncompliance, other than noncompliance authorized by an emergency permit, constitutes a violation of RCRA and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; and/or for denial of a permit renewal application. [40 CFR § 270.30(a)]
- I.E.2. Compliance with the terms of this permit does not constitute a defense to any action brought under Sections 3007, 3008, 3013, and 7003 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. §§ 6927,

6928, 6934, and 6973); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. § 9601 <u>et. seq.</u>]; or any other federal or state law governing protection of public health or the environment.

#### I.F. Duty to Reapply

If the Permittee wishes to continue an activity allowed by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee must submit a complete application for a new permit at least one-hundred eighty days in advance before this permit expires, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 270.10(h) and 270.30(b).

# I.G. Continuation of Expiring Permit

This permit and all conditions herein will remain in effect beyond the permit's expiration date if the Permittee has submitted a timely, complete application (40 CFR §§ 270.10, 270.13 through 270.29); and, through no fault of the Permittee, the Administrator has not issued or denied the new permit, as set forth in 40 CFR § 270.51. This Permit may be modified or revoked and reissued as necessary, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 and/or 40 CFR § 270.42.

#### I.H. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for the Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(c)]

#### I.I. Duty to Mitigate

In the event of noncompliance with this permit, the Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment, and shall carry out such measures as are reasonable to prevent significant adverse impacts on human health or the environment. Such mitigation shall not be a defense to enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(d)]

#### I.J. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance/quality control procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. No provision of this permit shall be interpreted to require the Permittee to obligate

or expend funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341 or any other provision of law. [40 CFR § 270.30(e)]

### I.K. Duty to Provide Information

The Permittee shall furnish to the Administrator, within a reasonable time, any relevant information which the Administrator may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Administrator, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.74(a), and 270.30(h)]

# I.L. <u>Inspection and Entry</u>

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(i), the Permittee shall allow the Administrator, or authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials, and other documents as may be required by law to:

- I.L.1. Enter at reasonable times upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or hazardous waste management activity or corrective action activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- I.L.2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit.
- I.L.3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- I.L.4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of ensuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by RCRA, any substances or parameters at any location.

# I.M. Monitoring and Records

- I.M.1. Samples and measurements taken by the Permittee for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. The method used to obtain a representative sample of the waste to be analyzed must be the most recent appropriate method from Appendix I of 40 CFR Part 261. The Permittee shall use techniques and procedures specified in Appendix III of 40 CFR Part 261, except as Permit Condition I.M.4. provides otherwise, when collecting, preserving, shipping, analyzing, tracking and controlling samples. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(1)]
- I.M.2. Except as specifically required by regulation or elsewhere in this permit (i.e., Permit Condition I.Y.), the Permittee shall retain at the facility records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports and records required by this

permit, certification required by 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9), and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the sample, measurement, report, record, certification, or application. This period may be extended by the Administrator at any time by notification, in writing, to the Permittee and is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the permit until the successful conclusion of any enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(2)]

- I.M.3. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(j)(3), records of monitoring information shall specify:
- I.M.3.a. The dates, exact place and times of sampling or measurements;
- I.M.3.b. The name, title and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- I.M.3.c. The dates the analyses were performed;
- I.M.3.d. The name, title and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- I.M.3.e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- I.M.3.f. The results of such analyses, including the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) summary.
- I.M.4. The Permittee may substitute analytical methods which are equivalent to those specifically approved for use in this permit in accordance with the following:
- I.M.4.a. The Permittee submits to the Administrator a request for substitution of an analytical method(s) that is equivalent to the method(s) specifically approved for use in this permit. The request shall provide information demonstrating that the proposed method(s) is equal or superior to the approved analytical method(s) in terms of sensitivity, accuracy, and precision (i.e. reproducibility); and,
- I.M.4.b. The Administrator notifies the Permittee in writing that the substitution of the analytical method(s) is approved. Such approval shall not require a permit modification.

#### I.N. Reporting Planned Changes

The Permittee shall give notice to the Administrator as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to permitted facility. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(1)]

# I.O. Reporting Anticipated Noncompliance

The Permittee shall give advance notice, in writing, to the Administrator of any planned change(s) in the permitted facility or any activity that may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. If advance notice is not possible, then the Permittee shall give notice within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the anticipated noncompliance. Such notice does not authorize any noncompliance with this permit or modification of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(2)]

# **I.P.** Transfer of Permits

This permit may be transferred to a new owner or operator only if it is modified or revoked and reissued pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 270.40(b), 270.41(b)(2) and 270.42. Before transferring ownership or operation of the facility during its operating life, the Permittee shall notify the new owner or operator in writing of the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 264 and 270 and this permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.12 and 270.30(1)(3)]

# I.Q. <u>Compliance Schedules</u>

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days following each schedule date. The Permittee shall maintain compliance with the compliance schedules included as Attachment 8 of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(5)]

#### I.R. Twenty-four Hour Reporting

- I.R.1. The Permittee shall report to the Administrator any noncompliance with the permit which may endanger human health or the environment. Any such information shall be reported orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances/noncompliance. The report shall include the following:
- I.R.1.a. Information concerning release of any hazardous waste that may cause an endangerment to public drinking water supplies; and
- I.R.1.b. Any information of a release or discharge of hazardous waste or a fire or explosion relating to hazardous waste management at the permitted facility which could threaten the environment or human health.
- I.R.2. The description in the oral report of the occurrence and its cause shall include:
- I.R.2.a. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator;
- I.R.2.b. Name, address, and telephone number of the facility;

- I.R.2.c. Date, time, and type of incident;
- I.R.2.d. Name and quantity of material(s) involved;
- I.R.2.e. The extent of injuries, if any;
- I.R.2.f. An assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and human health, where this is applicable;
- I.R.2.g. Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident; and
- I.R.2.h. A qualitative review of actions taken, intended responses, and remedial actions.
- I.R.3. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) calendar days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances/noncompliance. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance, its extent, and its cause; the period(s) of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; corrective measures taken to mitigate the situation and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. The Director may waive the five-day written notice requirement in favor of a written report within fifteen days. [40 CFR § 270.30(l)(6)]

## **I.S.** Other Noncompliance

The Permittee shall report to the Administrator all other instances of noncompliance not otherwise required to be reported in the monitoring reports, compliance schedules, and twenty-four (24) hour reports above, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Permit Condition I.R. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(10)]

#### I.T. Other Information

Whenever the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in the permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Administrator, the Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information to the Administrator. [40 CFR § 270.30(I)(11)].

#### I.U. Biennial Report

The Permittee shall comply with Biennial Report requirements of 40 CFR § 264.75.

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#### I.V. Signature and Certification

Failure to submit the information required in this permit, or falsification of any submitted information, is grounds for termination of this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.43. The Permittee shall ensure that all plans, reports, notification, and other submissions to the Administrator, required in this permit, are signed and certified, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.11. One copy of each, four in total, of these plans, reports, notifications or other submissions shall be submitted to EPA and sent by certified mail, Federal Express, or hand delivered to the following address:

Director, Office of Waste and Chemicals Management (WCM-121)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

#### I.W. Reports, Notification and Submissions

All reports, notifications, or other submissions which are required by this permit to be sent or given to the Administrator must be sent by certified mail, Federal Express, or given directly to:

Director, Office of Waste and Chemicals Management U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101 Telephone number: (206) 553-1253

These are the current addressees and phone numbers and may change without modification of the Permit.

#### I.X. Confidential Information

The Permittee may claim confidential any information required to be submitted by this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 260.2 and 270.12.

## I.Y. Documents to be Maintained at the Facility

The Permittee shall maintain at the facility (in paper or electronic format) until closure is completed and certified by an independent registered professional engineer, and have readily available for inspection, the following documents and amendments, revisions and modifications to these documents:

I.Y.1. Waste Analysis Plan; as seen in Attachment 2 of this Permit, and monitoring, testing or analytical data from monitoring activities, as required by 40 CFR § 264.13 and this permit.

- I.Y.2. Records and results of each waste analysis performed in accordance with this permit. Results of waste analyses are kept for a period of three years.
- I.Y.3. Personnel training documents, certifications, and records, as outlined in Attachment 3 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.16(d) and this Permit. Training records for former employees will be maintained for a period of three years, records for current employees will be maintained until closure.
- I.Y.4. Contingency Plan, as seen and referenced in Attachment 4 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.53(a) and this Permit.
- I.Y.5. Closure and Post-Closure Plans, as seen in Attachment 5 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.112(a) and this Permit.
- I.Y.6. Operating record, containing the documents required by 40 CFR § 264.73 and this Permit.
- I.Y.6.1. Included as part of the operating record are well construction logs, any maintenance performed, and abandonment records.
- I.Y.7. Inspection schedule(s) as required by 40 CFR § 264.15(b)(2) and this Permit. Records of inspections will be maintained for a period of at least three years.
- I.Y.8. RCRA Permit, including all attachments.
- I.Y.9. RCRA Part B Permit Application, including all attachments.
- I.Y.10. Assessment reports pursuant to Permit Condition II.I., of all incidents that require implementation of the contingency plan.
- I.Y.11. Records of spills and releases.
- I.Y.12. Copies of other permits associated with the hazardous and solid waste management units.
- I.Y.13. Summaries of records of corrective actions, ground-water monitoring well construction, and ground-water monitoring well maintenance and replacement records.

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#### **PART II - GENERAL FACILITY STANDARDS**

#### **II.A.** Design and Operation of Facility

The Permittee shall maintain and operate the facility: (1) to avoid, reduce, or eliminate waste that may be generated from accidental spills, mishandling of containers, and other such activity; and (2) to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion, or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water, which could threaten human health or the environment, as required by 40 CFR § 264.31.

## **II.B.** Required Notice

II.B.1. When the Permittee is to receive hazardous waste from an offsite source, the Permittee must inform the generator in writing that the Permittee has the appropriate permit(s) for, and will accept the waste the generator is shipping. The Permittee must keep a copy of this written notice for each generator as part of the operating record, in paper or electronic format, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 264.12(b) and 264.73(b)(7). The Permittee shall notify each generator prior to receipt of hazardous waste from an offsite source of the hazardous wastes it is permitted to receive and store. The Permittee shall renotify each generator within one (1) week after any permit modification to the hazardous waste codes which the Permittee is permitted to receive and store.

#### **II.C.** General Waste Analysis

The Permittee shall comply with the Waste Analysis provisions of 40 CFR § 264.13, and shall implement the procedures outlined in the Waste Analysis Plan, Attachment 2 of this Permit.

#### **II.D.** Security

The Permittee shall comply with the security provisions of 40 CFR § 264.14 and shall implement the security measures described in the security plan, included in Attachment 7 of this Permit.

#### **II.E.** General Inspection Requirements

The Permittee shall comply with the inspection provisions of 40 CFR § 264.15 and shall implement the inspection plan in Attachment 7 of this Permit.

#### II.F. Training for Personnel Involved with Hazardous Waste Management Activities

The Permittee shall comply with the personnel training provisions of 40 CFR § 264.16 and

shall implement the training program outlined in Attachment 3 of this Permit.

#### II.G. General Requirements for Ignitable, Reactive, or Incompatible Wastes

The Permittee shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR § 264.17 and shall implement the procedures for ignitable, reactive or incompatible wastes as described in Attachments 4 and 7 of this Permit.

#### **II.H.** Location Standards

The Permittee shall comply with the location standards of 40 CFR § 264.18.

## II.I. Preparedness and Prevention

The Permittee shall comply with the preparedness and prevention provisions of 40 CFR §§ 264.31 through 264.37 and as outlined in Attachments 4 and 7 of this Permit.

#### **II.J.** Contingency Plan

The Permittee shall comply with the Contingency Planning requirements of 40 CFR §§ 264.50 through 264.56, and shall implement the Contingency Plan, Attachment 4 of this Permit.

#### **II.K.** Manifest System

The Permittee shall comply with the manifest requirements for the use of a manifest system, manifest discrepancies, and un-manifested waste reporting, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 264.71, 264.72, 264.76 and 270.30 (l) (7) & (8).

#### II.L. Record Keeping and Reporting

In addition to the record keeping and reporting requirements specified elsewhere in this permit, the Permittee shall do the following:

II.L.1. Operating Record: The Permittee shall maintain a written operating record at the facility, in paper or electronic format, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.73. The Permittee is exempt from 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(8) for closure cost estimates, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.140.

#### **II.M.** Closure and Post-Closure

- II.M.1. Performance Standard: The Permittee shall close the facility, as required by 40 CFR § 264.111 and in accordance with the approved Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.2. Amendment to Closure Plan: The Permittee shall modify the Closure Plan in writing, in

accordance with 40 CFR § 264.112(c), whenever new information would more accurately characterize the manner in which the Permittee intends to close the hazardous waste storage unit. The Administrator may determine that cause exists to modify the Closure Plan at any time, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41.

- II.M.3. Notification of Closure: The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing at least 45 days prior to the date on which the Permittee expects to begin closure as required by 40 CFR § 264.112(d).
- II.M.4. Time Allowed For Closure: After receiving the final volume of hazardous waste, the Permittee shall remove from storage all hazardous waste and shall complete closure activities, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.113; and the Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.5. Disposal or Decontamination of Equipment, Structures, and Soils: The Permittee shall decontaminate and/or remove and dispose of all contaminated equipment, structures, and soils, as required by 40 CFR § 264.114, 40 CFR § 264.178, and the Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.6. Sampling and Analysis Plan: The Permittee shall submit a detailed sampling and analysis plan (SAP) to the Administrator prior to conducting final closure activities in accordance with the schedule in the Closure Plan. The SAP shall include protocols for sampling of the empty storage areas and underlying soils. These protocols will include; the number of samples and sampling grid, sample parameters, specific EPA SW-846 (*Test Methods for Evaluating Soil Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods*) (EPA 1996) methods, location and rationale for background samples, proposed action levels and proposed cleanup levels.
- II.M.7. Certification of Closure: The Permittee shall certify that the facility has been closed, in accordance with the specification in the Closure Plan, as required by 40 CFR § 264.77(b) and 40 CFR § 264.115.

#### **II.N.** Pollution Prevention Program

- II.N.1 The Permittee shall comply with the pollution prevention requirements of 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9). To the extent economically practicable, Air Force Instruction 32-7080, "Pollution Prevention Program," dated 12 May 1994, shall be implemented.
- II.N.2 Incidental to the storage of hazardous waste in the facility, the Permittee will store hazardous materials with the intention of reutilization, transfer, donation or sales of the material on site or off-site. The material will be stored under the same storage and handling considerations as hazardous waste. If reutilization of the material cannot be arranged, then the material will be handled as solid or hazardous waste, as appropriate.

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#### **II.O.** Equivalent Materials

If certain equipment, materials, procedures, and administrative information (such as names, telephone numbers, or addresses) are specified in this permit, the Permittee is allowed to use an equivalent or superior item. Use of such equivalent or superior items shall not be considered a modification of the permit, but the Permittee shall place a notation of such a revision in the operating record, accompanied by a narrative explanation and the date the revision became effective. The Administrator may judge the soundness of the revision during inspections of the facility and may require the Permittee to reinstate the equipment, materials, procedures or administrative information specified in the permit. The format of tables, forms and figures are not subject to the requirements of this permit, and may be revised according to the Permittee's discretion.

#### **II.P.** Air Emission Standards

The Permittee shall comply with the air emission standards outlined in 40 CFR Subpart CC and as outlined in Attachment 7 of this Permit. Specifically, general standards outlined in 40 CFR 264.1082 and standards that apply to emissions from containers outlined in 40 CFR 264.1086 shall be followed.

#### **PART III - STORAGE IN CONTAINERS**

#### III.A. Waste Identification

III.A.1. The Permittee may store the following RCRA hazardous wastes in containers at USAF Elmendorf AFB, subject to the terms of this permit:

Location: Building 11735

#### Description:

- Batteries: alkaline, lithium, mercury, nickel-cadmium, zinc
- Corrosives: various acids and bases, including chromic, hydrochloric and sulfuric; sodium hydroxide; ammonia hydroxide; and cleaning compounds
- Discarded commercial chemical products identified in Part A
- PCB wastes, including transformers and contaminated soil
- Poisons and pesticides
- Residues generated by open burn/open detonation treatment processes
- Respirator cartridges and charcoal filters containing toxicity-characteristic concentrations of chromium, including oxygen-breathing apparatus canisters.
- Soils contaminated with heavy metals
- Solids and liquids from spill cleanups
- Solvents, chlorinated and non-chlorinated
- Toxicity characteristic wastes (D018 to D039) generated during maintenance and other operations by the Permittee and at the off-site federal installations
- Waste copier dispersant, dye penetrant used in magna-fluxing, ethyl alcohol, and marathon reducer
- Waste paint-related items that may contain solvents and metals. Waste items include latex and enamel paint waste and sludges, epoxy, paint thinner and stripper, coatings and thinners, and paint-booth filters
- Waste fuel and waste oil, and solids contaminated with these materials. This waste may contain solvents and metals
- Wastes from historical operations at federal facilities located throughout Alaska

Permitted RCRA Waste Codes: See Part A Application.

- III.A.2. The Permittee may store other discarded commercial chemical products, off-specification species, container residues, and spill residues, as listed in 40 CFR § 261.33 that are not identified in Permit Condition III.A.1, upon satisfying the Permit modification request procedure and receiving approval from the Administrator, as set forth in 40 CFR § 270.42. The storage of different wastes in containers that require additional or different management practices from those authorized in the Permit shall be considered a Class 3 modification. The storage of different wastes in containers that do <u>not</u> require additional or different management practices from those authorized in the Permit shall be considered a Class 2 modification.
- III.A.3. The Permittee shall manage newly listed or identified wastes in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.42(g).
- III.A.4. The Permittee shall not store any other wastes not specified on the Hazardous Waste Permit Information Form, (EPA Form 8700-23), or in paragraphs III.A.1, III.A.2, or III.A.3 without first obtaining a permit modification in accordance with 40 CFR 164.42.

#### **III.B.** Condition of Containers

- III.B.1. If a container holding hazardous waste is not in good condition (e.g., corrosion, apparent structural defects, creases or dents, etc.), or if it begins to leak, the Permittee shall transfer the hazardous waste to a container that is in good condition, or otherwise manage the waste in some other way in compliance with 40 CFR § 264.171.
- III.B.2. The Permittee shall maintain at all times a sufficient number of empty containers, overpack drums, and drip pans at the hazardous waste storage units to comply with Permit Condition III.B.1.

#### **III.C.** Compatibility of Waste with Containers

The Permittee shall use a container made of or lined with materials that will not react with, and are otherwise compatible with, the hazardous waste to be stored, so that the ability of the container to contain the waste is not impaired, as required in 40 CFR § 264.172.

#### **III.D.** Management of Containers

- III.D.1. The Permittee shall always have containers holding hazardous waste closed during storage, except when it is necessary to add or remove waste, as required in 40 CFR § 264.173(a).
- III.D.2. The Permittee shall not open, handle, or store hazardous waste in a manner which may rupture a container or cause it to leak, as required in 40 CFR § 264.173(b).
- III.D.3. At any time, the Permittee may store a maximum volume of 120,120 gallons of waste

identified in Permit Condition III.A.1. This requirement applies regardless of whether the containers hold hazardous or non-hazardous waste.

#### **III.E.** Inspection of Containers and Containment System

- III.E.1. The Permittee shall inspect, at least once every seven (7) days, areas where containers are stored, looking for leaking containers and for deterioration of containers and the containment system caused by corrosion, temperature, and/or other factors, as required in 40 CFR § 264.174.
- III.E.2. The Permittee shall document the inspections by maintaining the Inspection Log, in paper or electronic format, as required by 40 CFR § 264.15 and described in Attachment 7.
- III.E.3. The Permittee shall visually inspect each container for its integrity prior to handling or moving, as required in 40 CFR § 264.31.

#### **III.F.** Containment

- III.F.1. The Permittee shall maintain and operate the container storage containment system, as designed and described in the attached plans and specifications, Attachment 6, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175.
- III.F.2. The Permittee shall operate and maintain the containment system such that the base underlying the containers is free of cracks or gaps and is sufficiently impervious to contain leaks and spills and accumulated precipitation until the collected material is detected and removed, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175(b).
- III.F.3. The Permittee shall store free liquids or hazardous waste only in containers that meet the United Nations Performance Oriented Packaging specifications for that particular type of waste. The containment system for these wastes must have sufficient capacity to contain 10 percent (10%) of the storage capacity of the containment system or the volume of the largest container being stored, whichever is greater, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175(b)(3).
- III.F.4. The Permittee shall remove spilled or leaked waste and accumulated precipitation from the sump or collection area in a manner as is necessary to prevent overflow of the collection system and in a manner to keep the containers from contact with the liquids/material in the collection area. The Permittee shall manage the collected material in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.175(b)(5). If the collected material is a hazardous waste under 40 CFR Part 261, it must be managed in accordance with all applicable requirements of 40 CFR Parts 262 through 266.

#### III.G. Special Requirements for Incompatible Waste

- III.G.1. The Permittee shall separate containers of incompatible wastes, as required by 40 CFR § 264.177 and as described in Attachment 7 of this permit, Procedures to Prevent Hazards.
- III.G.2. Notwithstanding Permit Condition III.G.1., the Permittee shall not place incompatible wastes or incompatible wastes and materials in the same container, nor place hazardous waste in an unwashed container that previously held an incompatible waste or material, as required in 40 CFR § 264.177.
- III.G.3. Notwithstanding Permit Condition III.G.1., the Permittee shall separate or otherwise protect any storage container holding hazardous waste from any incompatible wastes or materials by means of a dike, berm, wall, or other appropriate device, such as an overpack drum, salvage drum, or drip pan, as required in 40 CFR § 264.177.
- III.G.4. Notwithstanding Permit Conditions III.A.1-3, the Permittee shall not place incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials in the same bay, unless the Permittee complies with 40 CFR § 264.17(a)-(c) and Permit Condition II.G.

#### III.H. Prohibitions of Storage of Restricted Wastes

- III.H.1. The Permittee is prohibited from receiving or storing hazardous wastes restricted from land disposal, unless the conditions required in 40 CFR § 268.50 are met.
- III.H.2. The Permittee shall store land disposal restriction (LDR) hazardous waste in tanks or containers onsite solely for the purpose of the accumulation of such quantities of hazardous waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal <u>and</u> each container shall be clearly marked to identify its contents and the date each period of accumulation begins, as required by 40 CFR § 268.50(a)(2). The Permittee shall not store hazardous waste to circumvent or forestall the treatment requirements of 40 CFR Part 268.
- III.H.3. The Permittee shall store LDR wastes for no more than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days, unless the Permittee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that such storage is/was solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of hazardous waste as are necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal, as required in 40 CFR § 268.50(b)&(c). The Permittee shall provide a written demonstration if the waste has been stored for greater than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days and in accordance with Permit Condition III.H.2. This three-hundred sixty-five (365) day limitation does not apply to wastes subject to an approved petition, a nationwide variance, or an approved extension, nor to a waste that meets the treatment standard.

- III.H.4. The Permittee shall not dilute a restricted waste, in any manner, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.3.
- III.H.5. The Permittee shall receive from the generator all necessary notices, notifications, and certifications that are required to determine if a waste is restricted from land disposal, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.7.
- III.H.6. The Permittee shall comply with the notice, notification, and certification requirements under 40 CFR § 268.7 when sending waste or treatment residue off-site, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.7(b)(6).
- III.H.7. The Permittee shall keep all copies of each applicable generator's demonstration and certification in the Permittee's operating record when the waste received is subject to a valid certification in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.73(b).
- III.H.8. It is the duty of the Permittee to request a modification of this Permit in the event that the Permittee believes any permit condition in Permit Condition III.H. prevents the ability of the Permittee to comply with 40 CFR Part 268, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 270.4(a) & 270.41(a).

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# PART IV – CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

#### IV.A. CERCLA Section 120 Federal Facility Agreement

- IV.A.1. Section 3004(u) of RCRA (Section 206 of HSWA) and regulations promulgated at 40 CFR § 264.101 require corrective action, as necessary, to protect human health and the environment for all releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from any solid waste management unit (SWMU), for all permits issued after 8 November 1984. A Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) under Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA is a mechanism used to investigate and clean up releases of hazardous waste and constituents to protect human health and the environment. All investigations and cleanups included in the FFA will meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate state and federal requirements, including RCRA, to the extent required by Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621.IV.A.2.
- IV.A.2. The corrective action for USAF Elmendorf AFB will be satisfied by the FFA, which was dated by EPA on 19 September 1991, and became effective on 15 November 1991. Compliance with the FFA is made a condition of this permit and the FFA is included in this permit as Attachment 9. The corrective action requirement of 40 CFR § 264.101 will be satisfied by the FFA, except for:
- IV.A.2.a. Those units that the parties to the FFA transfer to the Corrective Action Schedule of Compliance in Attachment 8;
- IV.A.2.b. Those SWMUs that the Parties to the FFA formally identify as outside the scope of the FFA;
- IV.A.2.c. Those newly identified SWMUs that the Parties to the FFA identify as outside the scope of the FFA, which EPA determines to be subject to corrective action; or
- IV.A.2.d. Those SWMUs that are discovered after the termination of the FFA, which EPA determines will be subject to corrective action..
- IV.A.3. All SMWUs at Elmendorf AFB shall be appropriately addressed either under the FFA or directly under this permit. The Permittee shall notify EPA of SWMUs that are not being addressed by the FFA. For SWMUs subject to Permit Condition IV.A.2.a and IV.A.2.b, such notice shall be provided within 30 days of the effective date of this Permit. For SWMUs subject to Permit Condition IV.A.2.c and IV.A.2.d, such notice shall be provided within 30 days of the identification or discovery, subject to EPA approval.
- IV.A.4. The SWMUs that are presently being addressed under the FFA are listed in Attachment

8, "Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units."

#### IV.B. Newly-Identified or Newly-Created Solid Waste Management Units

- IV.B.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing of any newly-identified or newly-created SWMU(s) that are not covered by this permit or the FFA, as set out in Attachment 8. This notice shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after discovery of the newly identified or created SWMU(s).
- IV.B.2. Within ninety (90) calendar days after the notification provided in accordance with Permit Condition IV.B.1, the Permittee shall prepare a SWMU Assessment Report. At a minimum, the Report shall provide the following information for each newly-identified or newly-created SWMU:
- IV.B.2.a. The location of each newly-identified SWMU in relation to other SWMUs, building numbers, or other descriptive landmarks;
- IV.B.2.b. The type and function of the unit;
- IV.B.2.c. The general dimensions, capacities, and structural description of the unit (supply any available drawings);
- IV.B.2.d. The period during which the unit was operated;
- IV.B.2.e. The specifics on all wastes that have been or are being managed at the SWMU, to the extent available; and
- IV.B.2.f. A description of any release (or suspected release) of hazardous constituents originating from the unit, including planned or unplanned releases to the air. Include information on the date of release, type of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents, quantity released, nature of the release, extent of release migration, and cause of release (e.g. overflow, broken pipe, tank leak, etc.). Also provide any available data which would quantify the nature and extent of environmental contamination, including the results of soil and/or groundwater sampling and analysis efforts. Likewise, submit any existing monitoring information that indicates release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents has not occurred or is not occurring.
- IV.B.3. Based on the results of this Report, the Administrator shall determine the need for further investigations at specific unit(s) covered in the SWMU Assessment Report. If the Administrator determines that such investigations are needed, the Administrator may require the Permittee to prepare an RFI workplan and/or RFI report within a

specified time and in accordance with EPA guidance. If the Administrator determines that corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to implement corrective measures.

#### IV.C. Newly-Discovered Releases at Solid Waste Management Units

- IV.C.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator, in writing, of any release(s) of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from any SWMU. Such newly-discovered releases may be from newly-identified SWMUs, from SWMUs at which the Administrator had previously determined that no further investigation was necessary, or from SWMUs investigated as part of this permit. This notification shall be submitted in two parts:
- IV.C.1.a. First, within fifteen (15) calendar days of discovery of the release, the Permittee shall submit in writing an initial notification report of the discovery. This notification shall alert the Agency to the magnitude of the threat.
- IV.C.1.b. Second, within sixty (60) days of such a discovery, the Permittee must submit a written report. The report shall discuss the Permittee's efforts to investigate and/or remediate the discovered release and shall specifically include:
  - i. the concentrations and estimated quantities of any hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents released:
  - ii. the known, or expected, pathway(s) through which the contamination is migrating (or may migrate), and the extent, rate, and direction of that migration;
  - iii. the projected fate and transport of the release;
  - iv. the likely exposure pathway(s) for potential receptors, and the consequences of exposure to these receptors; and,
  - v. an outline of proposed Interim Measures to arrest the release, as well as a schedule for implementing the Measures. The schedule should be justified by a discussion of possible consequences arising from any delay in implementing Interim Measures.
- IV.C.2. If, based either on information submitted in Permit Condition IV.B.1 or IV.C.1 above, or on information obtained during the investigation or monitoring of the facility, the Agency determines at any time that a threat to human health or the environment may result from a release at the facility, the Permittee will be directed by

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a notification from the Agency to implement interim corrective measures designed to minimize the threat to human health and the environment, subject to review and approval by the Agency. Interim corrective measures are subject to the dispute resolution procedures in Permit Condition V.N. Implementation by the Permittee of treatment or containment activities taken during immediate response to a discharge of hazardous waste, an imminent and substantial threat of a discharge of hazardous waste, or a discharge of material which, when discharged, becomes a hazardous waste, is not subject to this permit. [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(c)(3)]

IV.C.3. Within ninety (90) days of discovery of a release, the Permittee shall submit a Report describing the interim corrective measures activities taken to date. This Report shall include the reporting requirements specified in Permit Condition IV.A. If the Administrator determines that additional investigation or corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to investigate and perform additional corrective measures, or the Agency may initiate a permit modification.

#### IV.D. <u>Date/Deadline Changes</u>

Revisions to Attachment 9 of this Permit (the FFA), resulting from amendments to the FFA dates/deadlines, shall not require a permit modification if all parties to the FFA have agreed upon such revisions.

# **ATTACHMENT F**



#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, WA 98101-3140

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OFFICE OF AIR, WASTE AND TOXICS

Robert D. Evans, Colonel, USAF Commander 673 ABW/CC 10471 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 139 JBER, AK 99506-2200

Re: Elmendorf Air Force Base Class 2 Permit Modification

EPA ID#: AK8 57002 8649

Dear Col. Evans:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is hereby making a final determination to modify the United States Air Force's hazardous waste management facility permit AK8 57002 8649. The permit modification effectuates a change in the facility boundary reflecting the merger of Elmendorf Air Force Base with Ft. Richardson U.S. Army Base. The modified permit merges the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste management permit and corrective action requirements for Elmendorf Air Force and Ft. Richardson Army bases into a single permit for the facility, now known and identified in the permit as Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).

The permit has been modified under the authority of the RCRA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., in accordance with the requirements for a Class 2 permit modification pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(b). The effective date of the modified Permit is December 1, 2010. A copy of the modified permit is enclosed. A summary of the modifications to the permit made effective by this action is provided at page B-8 of the enclosed permit.

If you have any questions regarding this permit modification, please contact Holly Arrigoni of my staff at (206) 553-4350 or arrigoni.holly@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Albright, Director Office of Air, Waste and Toxics

U.S. EPA Region 10

Enclosure

cc: Scott Morey, JBER

Therese Deardorff, JBER

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#### HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Office of Air, Waste and Toxics (AWT-121) RCRA Corrective Action and Permits Team 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101

Issued in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq., and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and the regulations promulgated thereunder in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124 and 260 through 271.

ISSUED TO: UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF)

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), AK 99506-3240

EPA I.D. No.: AK8 57002 8649

This permit modification is effective as of December 1, 2010 and shall remain in effect until December 15, 2013, unless revoked and reissued under 40 CFR § 270.41, or terminated under 40 CFR § 270.43, or continued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.51(a). This permit will be reviewed five (5) years after the date of issuance, in accordance with Section 3005(c)(3) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c)(3), and 40 CFR § 270.50, and will be modified as necessary to ensure that the facility continues to comply with the currently applicable requirements of Sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6924 and 6925.

ISSUED BY: The U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Richard Albright, Director

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

The following Attachments describing specific requirements from the Permittee's RCRA permit application are hereby incorporated as enforceable conditions of this permit. In the event of any inconsistencies between a permit condition and an Attachment, the permit condition shall prevail.

- Attachment 1 Facility Description
- Attachment 2 Waste Analysis Plan
- Attachment 3 Personnel Training Outline
- Attachment 4 Hazardous Waste Contingency Plan
- Attachment 5 Closure Plan for the TSDF
- Attachment 6 TSDF Plans and Specifications
- Attachment 7 Procedures to Prevent Hazards
- Attachment 8 Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units
- Attachment 9 Federal Facility Agreement

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#### INTRODUCTION

Permittee: U.S. Air Force

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Pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et. seq., (RCRA), and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [codified and to be codified in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR)]; a permit is hereby issued to the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) (hereafter called the Permittee) to operate a hazardous waste container storage unit in Building 11735 at JBER, geographically located in the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, at latitude 61 degrees 14 minutes North and longitude 149 degrees 48 minutes West.

The Permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of this hazardous waste facility permit. This permit consists of the conditions contained herein (including those in any attachments), and the applicable regulations contained in 40 CFR Parts 260 through 264, 266, 268, 270, and 124. Any management of hazardous waste subject to 40 CFR Parts 264 or 265, which is not authorized by this permit, is prohibited.

Nothing in this permit shall limit the Agency's authority to undertake, or require any person to undertake, response action or corrective action under any law, including, but not limited to, Section 104 or 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9604 and 9606, and Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6973. Nor shall any permit condition relieve the Permittee of any obligations under any law, including, but not limited to, Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9603 to report releases of hazardous wastes, constituents, or substances to, at, or from the facility.

Applicable federal regulations are those that are in effect on the date of final administrative action on this Permit and any self-implementing statutory provisions and related regulations which, according to the requirements of RCRA (as amended), are automatically applicable to the Permittee's hazardous waste management activities, notwithstanding the conditions of this Permit.

This Permit is based upon the administrative record, as required by 40 CFR § 124.9. The Permittee's failure in the application or during the Permit issuance process to fully disclose all relevant facts, or the Permittee's misrepresentation of any relevant facts at any time, shall be grounds for the termination or modification of this Permit and/or initiation of an enforcement action, including criminal proceedings. The Permittee shall inform the Administrator of

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noncompliance with any condition of the Permit or changes to the information provided in the Part B Permit Application that might affect the ability of the Permittee to comply with applicable regulations and permit conditions, or which alter any of the conditions of the Permit in any way.

This Permit includes the provisions of Section 206, 212, and 224 of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), which amended Sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6924 and 6925. In particular, Section 3004(u), 42 U.S.C. § 6924(u) requires corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from any solid waste management unit at a treatment, storage, or disposal facility seeking a permit, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in such unit. Section 212 of HSWA provides that permits shall be for a fixed term not to exceed 10 years. Section 3005(c), 42 U.S.C. § 6925(c), provides the Administrator with authority to review and modify the permit at any time. Under Section 6925(h) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925(h), RCRA permits for hazardous waste management on the premises where the waste was generated must require the Permittee to certify efforts taken to minimize the amount and toxicity of hazardous waste.

At this time, the State of Alaska does not have an authorized RCRA program pursuant to Section 3006 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926. Therefore, this permit is issued by the EPA since the EPA has primacy under RCRA to enforce it.

#### Modifications to the Permit, Effective December 1, 2010

- All instances of "Elmendorf" were replaced with "Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson" or "JBER".
- Paragraph IV.A.1 was rewritten to include the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) from Ft. Richardson.
- The contact information for the U.S. EPA Director has been updated throughout the document.

#### DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "Administrator" shall mean the Region 10 Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a designated representative. The Director, Office of Air, Waste and Toxics, EPA Region 10 (with the address as specified on page one of this permit), is a duly authorized and designated representative of the Administrator for purposes of this permit.
- b. "Daily" shall mean regular work days, except that no more that four (4) consecutive calendar days shall fall between groups of "daily" activities required by this permit.
- c. All definitions contained in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 260 through 270 are hereby incorporated by reference into this permit. Where terms are not defined in the regulations or the permit, the meaning associated with such terms shall be the standard dictionary definition, or their generally accepted scientific or industrial meaning.
- Unless otherwise noted, all schedules refer to calendar time; e.g., thirty (30) days means thirty (30) calendar days.
- e. "Permittee" means the U. S. Air Force (USAF).
- f. "Release" means any spilling, leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, pumping, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing of hazardous waste (including hazardous constituents) into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents).
- g. "Solid waste management unit" means any discernible unit at which solid wastes have been placed at any time, irrespective of whether the unit was intended for the management of solid or hazardous waste. Such units include any area at a facility at which hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents have been routinely and systematically released.
- h. "Hazardous constituent" means any constituent identified in Appendix VIII of 40 CFR Part 261, or any constituent identified in Appendix IX of 40 CFR Part 264.
- The term "Agency" shall mean the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (with the address as specified on page one of this Permit).
- j. The term "Permit" shall mean the Permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 3251 et seq., 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.

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k. The term "Work" shall mean any activity the Permittee is required to perform under the permit.

The term "historical" shall mean any past activity by the Permittee.

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#### PART I - STANDARD CONDITIONS

#### I.A. Effect of Permit

- I.A.1 The Permittee is allowed to store hazardous waste in accordance with the conditions of this Permit. Any storage of hazardous waste governed by 40 CFR Part 264 or 265 not authorized in this permit is prohibited. Compliance with this permit during its effective term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with 40 CFR Parts 264 and 270, for the hazardous waste activities identified and included in this permit, except for any self-implementing provisions and related regulations pursuant to HSWA. All other requirements of RCRA, including the generator requirements of 40 CFR Part 262 and 268, remain applicable to this facility and are not replaced or affected by this permit.
- I.A.2 Compliance with the terms of this permit does not constitute a defense to any order issued or any action brought under any other federal or state law providing for protection of public health or the environment, including but not limited to, Section 3013 or 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6934 or 6973, or any section of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. [40 CFR § 270.4]
- I.A.3 All references to responsibilities of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), the Defense Reutilization Marketing Service (DRMS), Department of Defense (DoD) or the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in all attachments are references to the Permittee, JBER. JBER is responsible for all hazardous waste management activities that occur on the facility.

# I.B. <u>Permit Actions and Modifications</u>

- I.B.1. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, as specified in 40 CFR §§ 270.41, 270.42, and 270.43.
- I.B.2. Filing a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or filing a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance on the part of the Permittee does not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition.
- I.B.3. Except as provided by specific language in this permit, any modification or change in a hazardous waste management practice covered by this permit must be accomplished in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 or 270.42.
- I.B.3.a. A written request must be submitted at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the proposed change in facility design or operation, or not later than sixty (60) calendar days after an unexpected event has occurred which has affected the permit. The Administrator will approve, disapprove, or modify this request, in

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accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Parts 124 and 270.

I.B.3.b. If the Permittee determines that the corrective action program required by this permit no longer satisfies the requirements of the regulations, the Permittee must, within ninety (90) days, submit a written request for a permit modification to make those changes deemed necessary to satisfy the regulations.

#### I.C. Severability

- I.C.1. The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstances, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby. Invalidation of any state or federal statutory or regulatory provision, which forms the basis for any condition of this permit, does not affect the validity of any other state or federal statutory or regulatory basis for said condition. [40 CFR § 124.16(a)(2)]
- I.C.2. In the event that a condition of this permit is stayed for any reason, the Permittee shall continue to comply with the related applicable and relevant and appropriate conditions from the Permittee's previously approved permit until final resolution of the stayed condition, unless the Agency determines that compliance with the previously-approved permit condition would be technologically incompatible with compliance with other conditions of this Permit which have not been stayed.

# I.D. Personal and Property Rights

I.D.1 Issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege, nor does issuance of the permit authorize any injury to persons or property, any invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local laws or regulations. [40 CFR § 270.30(g)]

# I.E. Duty to Comply

- I.E.1. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit, except to the extent and for the duration such noncompliance is authorized by an emergency permit issued in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.61. Any permit noncompliance, other than noncompliance authorized by an emergency permit, constitutes a violation of RCRA and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; and/or for denial of a permit renewal application. [40 CFR § 270.30(a)]
- I.E.2. Compliance with the terms of this permit does not constitute a defense to any action brought under Sections 3007, 3008, 3013, and 7003 of RCRA (42 U.S.C. §§ 6927, 6928, 6934, and 6973); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. §

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9601 et. seq.]; or any other federal or state law governing protection of public health or the environment.

#### I.F. Duty to Reapply

If the Permittee wishes to continue an activity allowed by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee must submit a complete application for a new permit at least one-hundred eighty days in advance before this permit expires, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 270.10(h) and 270.30(b).

#### I.G. Continuation of Expiring Permit

This permit and all conditions herein will remain in effect beyond the permit's expiration date if the Permittee has submitted a timely, complete application (40 CFR §§ 270.10, 270.13 through 270.29); and, through no fault of the Permittee, the Administrator has not issued or denied the new permit, as set forth in 40 CFR § 270.51. This Permit may be modified or revoked and reissued as necessary, and in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41 and/or 40 CFR § 270.42.

#### I.H. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for the Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(c)]

# I.I. Duty to Mitigate

In the event of noncompliance with this permit, the Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment, and shall carry out such measures as are reasonable to prevent significant adverse impacts on human health or the environment. Such mitigation shall not be a defense to enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(d)]

# I.J. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance/quality control procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. No provision of this permit shall be interpreted to require the Permittee to obligate or expend funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341 or any other provision of law. [40 CFR § 270.30(e)]

#### I.K. Duty to Provide Information

The Permittee shall furnish to the Administrator, within a reasonable time, any relevant information which the Administrator may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Administrator, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.74(a), and 270.30(h)]

#### I.L. Inspection and Entry

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(i), the Permittee shall allow the Administrator, or authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials, and other documents as may be required by law to:

- I.L.1. Enter at reasonable times upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or hazardous waste management activity or corrective action activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- I.L.2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit.
- I.L.3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- I.L.4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of ensuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by RCRA, any substances or parameters at any location.

# I.M. Monitoring and Records

- I.M.1. Samples and measurements taken by the Permittee for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. The method used to obtain a representative sample of the waste to be analyzed must be the most recent appropriate method from Appendix I of 40 CFR Part 261. The Permittee shall use techniques and procedures specified in Appendix III of 40 CFR Part 261, except as Permit Condition I.M.4. provides otherwise, when collecting, preserving, shipping, analyzing, tracking and controlling samples. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(1)]
- I.M.2. Except as specifically required by regulation or elsewhere in this permit (i.e., Permit Condition I.Y.), the Permittee shall retain at the facility records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports and records required by this permit, certification required by 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9), and records of all data used to complete the application for this

permit for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the sample, measurement, report, record, certification, or application. This period may be extended by the Administrator at any time by notification, in writing, to the Permittee and is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding the permit until the successful conclusion of any enforcement action. [40 CFR § 270.30(j)(2)]

- I.M.3. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 270.30(j)(3), records of monitoring information shall specify:
- I.M.3.a. The dates, exact place and times of sampling or measurements;
- I.M.3.b. The name, title and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- I.M.3.c. The dates the analyses were performed;
- I.M.3.d. The name, title and affiliation of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- I.M.3.e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- I.M.3.f. The results of such analyses, including the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) summary.
- I.M.4. The Permittee may substitute analytical methods which are equivalent to those specifically approved for use in this permit in accordance with the following:
- I.M.4.a. The Permittee submits to the Administrator a request for substitution of an analytical method(s) that is equivalent to the method(s) specifically approved for use in this permit. The request shall provide information demonstrating that the proposed method(s) is equal or superior to the approved analytical method(s) in terms of sensitivity, accuracy, and precision (i.e. reproducibility); and,
- I.M.4.b. The Administrator notifies the Permittee in writing that the substitution of the analytical method(s) is approved. Such approval shall not require a permit modification.

# I.N. Reporting Planned Changes

The Permittee shall give notice to the Administrator as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to permitted facility. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(1)]

#### I.O. Reporting Anticipated Noncompliance

The Permittee shall give advance notice, in writing, to the Administrator of any planned change(s) in the permitted facility or any activity that may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. If advance notice is not possible, then the Permittee shall give notice within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the anticipated noncompliance. Such notice does not authorize any noncompliance with this permit or modification of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(2)]

#### I.P. Transfer of Permits

This permit may be transferred to a new owner or operator only if it is modified or revoked and reissued pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 270.40(b), 270.41(b)(2) and 270.42. Before transferring ownership or operation of the facility during its operating life, the Permittee shall notify the new owner or operator in writing of the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 264 and 270 and this permit. [40 CFR §§ 264.12 and 270.30(1)(3)]

#### I.Q. Compliance Schedules

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days following each schedule date. The Permittee shall maintain compliance with the compliance schedules included as Attachment 8 of this permit. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(5)]

# I.R. Twenty-four Hour Reporting

- I.R.1. The Permittee shall report to the Administrator any noncompliance with the permit which may endanger human health or the environment. Any such information shall be reported orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances/noncompliance. The report shall include the following:
- I.R.1.a. Information concerning release of any hazardous waste that may cause an endangerment to public drinking water supplies; and
- I.R.1.b. Any information of a release or discharge of hazardous waste or a fire or explosion relating to hazardous waste management at the permitted facility which could threaten the environment or human health.
- I.R.2. The description in the oral report of the occurrence and its cause shall include:
- I.R.2.a. Name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator;

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- I.R.2.b. Name, address, and telephone number of the facility;
- I.R.2.c. Date, time, and type of incident;
- I.R.2.d. Name and quantity of material(s) involved;
- I.R.2.e. The extent of injuries, if any;
- I.R.2.f. An assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and human health, where this is applicable;
- I.R.2.g. Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident; and
- I.R.2.h. A qualitative review of actions taken, intended responses, and remedial actions.
- I.R.3. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) calendar days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances/noncompliance. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance, its extent, and its cause; the period(s) of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; corrective measures taken to mitigate the situation and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. The Director may waive the five-day written notice requirement in favor of a written report within fifteen days. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(6)]

#### I.S. Other Noncompliance

The Permittee shall report to the Administrator all other instances of noncompliance not otherwise required to be reported in the monitoring reports, compliance schedules, and twenty-four (24) hour reports above, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Permit Condition I.R. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(10)]

#### I.T. Other Information

Whenever the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in the permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Administrator, the Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information to the Administrator. [40 CFR § 270.30(1)(11)].

#### I.U. Biennial Report

The Permittee shall comply with Biennial Report requirements of 40 CFR § 264.75.

#### I.V. Signature and Certification

Failure to submit the information required in this permit, or falsification of any submitted information, is grounds for termination of this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.43. The Permittee shall ensure that all plans, reports, notification, and other submissions to the Administrator, required in this permit, are signed and certified, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.11. One copy of each, four in total, of these plans, reports, notifications or other submissions shall be submitted to EPA and sent by certified mail, Federal Express, or hand delivered to the following address:

Director, Office of Air, Waste and Toxics (AWT-121)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

#### I.W. Reports, Notification and Submissions

All reports, notifications, or other submissions which are required by this permit to be sent or given to the Administrator must be sent by certified mail, Federal Express, or given directly to:

Director, Office of Air, Waste and Toxics
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101
Telephone number: (206) 553-1200

These are the current addressees and phone numbers and may change without modification of the Permit.

#### I.X. Confidential Information

The Permittee may claim confidential any information required to be submitted by this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 260.2 and 270.12.

#### I.Y. Documents to be Maintained at the Facility

The Permittee shall maintain at the facility (in paper or electronic format) until closure is completed and certified by an independent registered professional engineer, and have readily available for inspection, the following documents and amendments, revisions and modifications to these documents:

I.Y.1. Waste Analysis Plan; as seen in Attachment 2 of this Permit, and monitoring, testing or analytical data from monitoring activities, as required by 40 CFR § 264.13 and this permit.

- I.Y.2. Records and results of each waste analysis performed in accordance with this permit. Results of waste analyses are kept for a period of three years.
- I.Y.3. Personnel training documents, certifications, and records, as outlined in Attachment 3 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.16(d) and this Permit. Training records for former employees will be maintained for a period of three years, records for current employees will be maintained until closure.
- I.Y.4. Contingency Plan, as seen and referenced in Attachment 4 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.53(a) and this Permit.
- I.Y.5. Closure and Post-Closure Plans, as seen in Attachment 5 of this Permit, as required by 40 CFR § 264.112(a) and this Permit.
- I.Y.6. Operating record, containing the documents required by 40 CFR § 264.73 and this Permit.
- I.Y.6.1. Included as part of the operating record are well construction logs, any maintenance performed, and abandonment records.
- I.Y.7. Inspection schedule(s) as required by 40 CFR § 264.15(b)(2) and this Permit. Records of inspections will be maintained for a period of at least three years.
- I.Y.8. RCRA Permit, including all attachments.
- I.Y.9. RCRA Part B Permit Application, including all attachments.
- I.Y.10. Assessment reports pursuant to Permit Condition II.I., of all incidents that require implementation of the contingency plan.
- I.Y.11. Records of spills and releases.
- I.Y.12. Copies of other permits associated with the hazardous and solid waste management units.
- I.Y.13. Summaries of records of corrective actions, ground-water monitoring well construction, and ground-water monitoring well maintenance and replacement records.

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#### PART II - GENERAL FACILITY STANDARDS

#### II.A. Design and Operation of Facility

The Permittee shall maintain and operate the facility: (1) to avoid, reduce, or eliminate waste that may be generated from accidental spills, mishandling of containers, and other such activity; and (2) to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion, or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water, which could threaten human health or the environment, as required by 40 CFR § 264.31.

#### II.B. Required Notice

II.B.1. When the Permittee is to receive hazardous waste from an offsite source, the Permittee must inform the generator in writing that the Permittee has the appropriate permit(s) for, and will accept the waste the generator is shipping. The Permittee must keep a copy of this written notice for each generator as part of the operating record, in paper or electronic format, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 264.12(b) and 264.73(b)(7). The Permittee shall notify each generator prior to receipt of hazardous waste from an offsite source of the hazardous wastes it is permitted to receive and store. The Permittee shall re-notify each generator within one (1) week after any permit modification to the hazardous waste codes which the Permittee is permitted to receive and store.

#### II.C. General Waste Analysis

The Permittee shall comply with the Waste Analysis provisions of 40 CFR § 264.13, and shall implement the procedures outlined in the Waste Analysis Plan, Attachment 2 of this Permit.

#### II.D. <u>Security</u>

The Permittee shall comply with the security provisions of 40 CFR § 264.14 and shall implement the security measures described in the security plan, included in Attachment 7 of this Permit.

#### II.E. General Inspection Requirements

The Permittee shall comply with the inspection provisions of 40 CFR § 264.15 and shall implement the inspection plan in Attachment 7 of this Permit.

### II.F. <u>Training for Personnel Involved with Hazardous Waste Management Activities</u>

The Permittee shall comply with the personnel training provisions of 40 CFR §

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264.16 and shall implement the training program outlined in Attachment 3 of this Permit.

#### II.G. General Requirements for Ignitable, Reactive, or Incompatible Wastes

The Permittee shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR § 264.17 and shall implement the procedures for ignitable, reactive or incompatible wastes as described in Attachments 4 and 7 of this Permit.

#### II.H. <u>Location Standards</u>

The Permittee shall comply with the location standards of 40 CFR § 264.18.

#### II.I. Preparedness and Prevention

The Permittee shall comply with the preparedness and prevention provisions of 40 CFR §§ 264.31 through 264.37 and as outlined in Attachments 4 and 7 of this Permit.

#### II.J. Contingency Plan

The Permittee shall comply with the Contingency Planning requirements of 40 CFR §§ 264.50 through 264.56, and shall implement the Contingency Plan, Attachment 4 of this Permit.

#### II.K. Manifest System

The Permittee shall comply with the manifest requirements for the use of a manifest system, manifest discrepancies, and un-manifested waste reporting, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 264.71, 264.72, 264.76 and 270.30 (1) (7) & (8).

#### II.L. Record Keeping and Reporting

In addition to the record keeping and reporting requirements specified elsewhere in this permit, the Permittee shall do the following:

II.L.1. Operating Record: The Permittee shall maintain a written operating record at the facility, in paper or electronic format, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.73. The Permittee is exempt from 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(8) for closure cost estimates, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.140.

#### II.M. Closure and Post-Closure

- II.M.1. Performance Standard: The Permittee shall close the facility, as required by 40 CFR § 264.111 and in accordance with the approved Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.2. Amendment to Closure Plan: The Permittee shall modify the Closure Plan in

writing, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.112(c), whenever new information would more accurately characterize the manner in which the Permittee intends to close the hazardous waste storage unit. The Administrator may determine that cause exists to modify the Closure Plan at any time, in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.41.

- II.M.3. Notification of Closure: The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing at least 45 days prior to the date on which the Permittee expects to begin closure as required by 40 CFR § 264.112(d).
- II.M.4. Time Allowed For Closure: After receiving the final volume of hazardous waste, the Permittee shall remove from storage all hazardous waste and shall complete closure activities, in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.113; and the Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.5. Disposal or Decontamination of Equipment, Structures, and Soils: The Permittee shall decontaminate and/or remove and dispose of all contaminated equipment, structures, and soils, as required by 40 CFR § 264.114, 40 CFR § 264.178, and the Closure Plan, Attachment 5.
- II.M.6. Sampling and Analysis Plan: The Permittee shall submit a detailed sampling and analysis plan (SAP) to the Administrator prior to conducting final closure activities in accordance with the schedule in the Closure Plan. The SAP shall include protocols for sampling of the empty storage areas and underlying soils. These protocols will include; the number of samples and sampling grid, sample parameters, specific EPA SW 846 (Test Methods for Evaluating Soil Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods) (EPA 1996) methods, location and rationale for background samples, proposed action levels and proposed cleanup levels.
- II.M.7. Certification of Closure: The Permittee shall certify that the facility has been closed, in accordance with the specification in the Closure Plan, as required by 40 CFR § 264.77(b) and 40 CFR § 264.115.

#### II.N. <u>Pollution Prevention Program</u>

- II.N.1 The Permittee shall comply with the pollution prevention requirements of 40 CFR § 264.73(b)(9). To the extent economically practicable, Air Force Instruction 32-7080, "Pollution Prevention Program," dated 12 May 1994, shall be implemented.
- II.N.2 Incidental to the storage of hazardous waste in the facility, the Permittee will store hazardous materials with the intention of reutilization, transfer, donation or sales of the material on site or off-site. The material will be stored under the same storage and handling considerations as hazardous waste. If reutilization of the material cannot be arranged, then the material will be handled as solid or hazardous waste, as appropriate.

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#### II.O. Equivalent Materials

If certain equipment, materials, procedures, and administrative information (such as names, telephone numbers, or addresses) are specified in this permit, the Permittee is allowed to use an equivalent or superior item. Use of such equivalent or superior items shall not be considered a modification of the permit, but the Permittee shall place a notation of such a revision in the operating record, accompanied by a narrative explanation and the date the revision became effective. The Administrator may judge the soundness of the revision during inspections of the facility and may require the Permittee to reinstate the equipment, materials, procedures or administrative information specified in the permit. The format of tables, forms and figures are not subject to the requirements of this permit, and may be revised according to the Permittee's discretion.

#### II.P. Air Emission Standards

The Permittee shall comply with the air emission standards outlined in 40 CFR Subpart CC and as outlined in Attachment 7 of this Permit. Specifically, general standards outlined in 40 CFR 264.1082 and standards that apply to emissions from containers outlined in 40 CFR 264.1086 shall be followed.

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#### PART III - STORAGE IN CONTAINERS

#### III.A. Waste Identification

III.A.1. The Permittee may store the following RCRA hazardous wastes in containers at JBER, subject to the terms of this permit:

Location: Building 11735

#### Description:

- · Batteries: alkaline, lithium, mercury, nickel-cadmium, zinc
- Corrosives: various acids and bases, including chromic, hydrochloric and sulfuric; sodium hydroxide; ammonia hydroxide; and cleaning compounds
- Discarded commercial chemical products identified in Part A
- PCB wastes, including transformers and contaminated soil
- Poisons and pesticides
- · Residues generated by open burn/open detonation treatment processes
- Respirator cartridges and charcoal filters containing toxicity-characteristic concentrations of chromium, including oxygen-breathing apparatus canisters.
- · Soils contaminated with heavy metals
- · Solids and liquids from spill cleanups
- Solvents, chlorinated and non-chlorinated
- Toxicity characteristic wastes (D018 to D039) generated during maintenance and other operations by the Permittee and at the off-site federal installations
- Waste copier dispersant, dye penetrant used in magna-fluxing, ethyl alcohol, and marathon reducer
- Waste paint-related items that may contain solvents and metals. Waste items include latex and enamel paint waste and sludges, epoxy, paint thinner and stripper, coatings and thinners, and paint-booth filters
- Waste fuel and waste oil, and solids contaminated with these materials.
   This waste may contain solvents and metals
- Wastes from historical operations at federal facilities located throughout Alaska

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- III.A.2. The Permittee may store other discarded commercial chemical products, off-specification species, container residues, and spill residues, as listed in 40 CFR § 261.33 that are not identified in Permit Condition III.A.1, upon satisfying the Permit modification request procedure and receiving approval from the Administrator, as set forth in 40 CFR § 270.42. The storage of different wastes in containers that require additional or different management practices from those authorized in the Permit shall be considered a Class 3 modification. The storage of different wastes in containers that do not require additional or different management practices from those authorized in the Permit shall be considered a Class 2 modification.
- III.A.3. The Permittee shall manage newly listed or identified wastes in accordance with 40 CFR § 270.42(g).
- III.A.4. The Permittee shall not store any other wastes not specified on the Hazardous Waste Permit Information Form, (EPA Form 8700-23), or in paragraphs III.A.1, III.A.2, or III.A.3 without first obtaining a permit modification in accordance with 40 CFR 164.42.

#### III.B. Condition of Containers

- III.B.1. If a container holding hazardous waste is not in good condition (e.g., corrosion, apparent structural defects, creases or dents, etc.), or if it begins to leak, the Permittee shall transfer the hazardous waste to a container that is in good condition, or otherwise manage the waste in some other way in compliance with 40 CFR § 264.171.
- III.B.2. The Permittee shall maintain at all times a sufficient number of empty containers, overpack drums, and drip pans at the hazardous waste storage units to comply with Permit Condition III.B.1.

#### III.C. Compatibility of Waste with Containers

The Permittee shall use a container made of or lined with materials that will not react with, and are otherwise compatible with, the hazardous waste to be stored, so that the ability of the container to contain the waste is not impaired, as required in 40 CFR § 264.172.

#### III.D. <u>Management of Containers</u>

- III.D.1. The Permittee shall always have containers holding hazardous waste closed during storage, except when it is necessary to add or remove waste, as required in 40 CFR § 264.173(a).
- III.D.2. The Permittee shall not open, handle, or store hazardous waste in a manner which may rupture a container or cause it to leak, as required in 40 CFR § 264.173(b).

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III.D.3. At any time, the Permittee may store a maximum volume of 120,120 gallons of waste identified in Permit Condition III.A.1. This requirement applies regardless of whether the containers hold hazardous or non-hazardous waste.

#### III.E. Inspection of Containers and Containment System

- III.E.1. The Permittee shall inspect, at least once every seven (7) days, areas where containers are stored, looking for leaking containers and for deterioration of containers and the containment system caused by corrosion, temperature, and/or other factors, as required in 40 CFR § 264.174.
- III.E.2. The Permittee shall document the inspections by maintaining the Inspection Log, in paper or electronic format, as required by 40 CFR § 264.15 and described in Attachment 7.
- III.E.3. The Permittee shall visually inspect each container for its integrity prior to handling or moving, as required in 40 CFR § 264.31.

#### III.F. Containment

- III.F.1. The Permittee shall maintain and operate the container storage containment system, as designed and described in the attached plans and specifications, Attachment 6, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175.
- III.F.2. The Permittee shall operate and maintain the containment system such that the base underlying the containers is free of cracks or gaps and is sufficiently impervious to contain leaks and spills and accumulated precipitation until the collected material is detected and removed, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175(b).
- III.F.3. The Permittee shall store free liquids or hazardous waste only in containers that meet the United Nations Performance Oriented Packaging specifications for that particular type of waste. The containment system for these wastes must have sufficient capacity to contain 10 percent (10%) of the storage capacity of the containment system or the volume of the largest container being stored, whichever is greater, as required in 40 CFR § 264.175(b)(3).
- III.F.4. The Permittee shall remove spilled or leaked waste and accumulated precipitation from the sump or collection area in a manner as is necessary to prevent overflow of the collection system and in a manner to keep the containers from contact with the liquids/material in the collection area. The Permittee shall manage the collected material in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.175(b)(5). If the collected material is a hazardous waste under 40 CFR Part 261, it must be managed in accordance with all applicable requirements of 40 CFR Parts 262 through 266.

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#### III.G. Special Requirements for Incompatible Waste

- III.G.1. The Permittee shall separate containers of incompatible wastes, as required by 40 CFR § 264.177 and as described in Attachment 7 of this permit, Procedures to Prevent Hazards.
- III.G.2. Notwithstanding Permit Condition III.G.1., the Permittee shall not place incompatible wastes or incompatible wastes and materials in the same container, nor place hazardous waste in an unwashed container that previously held an incompatible waste or material, as required in 40 CFR § 264.177.
- III.G.3. Notwithstanding Permit Condition III.G.1., the Permittee shall separate or otherwise protect any storage container holding hazardous waste from any incompatible wastes or materials by means of a dike, berm, wall, or other appropriate device, such as an overpack drum, salvage drum, or drip pan, as required in 40 CFR § 264.177.
- III.G.4. Notwithstanding Permit Conditions III.A.1-3, the Permittee shall not place incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials in the same bay, unless the Permittee complies with 40 CFR § 264.17(a)-(c) and Permit Condition II.G.

#### III.H. Prohibitions of Storage of Restricted Wastes

- III.H.1. The Permittee is prohibited from receiving or storing hazardous wastes restricted from land disposal, unless the conditions required in 40 CFR § 268.50 are met.
- III.H.2. The Permittee shall store land disposal restriction (LDR) hazardous waste in tanks or containers onsite solely for the purpose of the accumulation of such quantities of hazardous waste as necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal and each container shall be clearly marked to identify its contents and the date each period of accumulation begins, as required by 40 CFR § 268.50(a)(2). The Permittee shall not store hazardous waste to circumvent or forestall the treatment requirements of 40 CFR Part 268.
- III.H.3. The Permittee shall store LDR wastes for no more than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days, unless the Permittee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Administrator that such storage is/was solely for the purpose of accumulation of such quantities of hazardous waste as are necessary to facilitate proper recovery, treatment, or disposal, as required in 40 CFR § 268.50(b)&(c). The Permittee shall provide a written demonstration if the waste has been stored for greater than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days and in accordance with Permit Condition III.H.2. This three-hundred sixty-five (365) day limitation does not apply to wastes subject to an approved petition, a nationwide variance, or an approved extension, nor to a waste that meets the treatment standard.

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- III.H.4. The Permittee shall not dilute a restricted waste, in any manner, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.3.
- III.H.5. The Permittee shall receive from the generator all necessary notices, notifications, and certifications that are required to determine if a waste is restricted from land disposal, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.7.
- III.H.6. The Permittee shall comply with the notice, notification, and certification requirements under 40 CFR § 268.7 when sending waste or treatment residue offsite, in accordance with 40 CFR § 268.7(b)(6).
- III.H.7. The Permittee shall keep all copies of each applicable generator's demonstration and certification in the Permittee's operating record when the waste received is subject to a valid certification in accordance with 40 CFR § 264.73(b).
- III.H.8. It is the duty of the Permittee to request a modification of this Permit in the event that the Permittee believes any permit condition in Permit Condition III.H. prevents the ability of the Permittee to comply with 40 CFR Part 268, in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 270.4(a) & 270.41(a).

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#### PART IV - CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

#### IV.A. CERCLA Section 120 Federal Facility Agreement

- IV.A.1. Section 3004(u) of RCRA (Section 206 of HSWA) and regulations promulgated at 40 CFR § 264.101 require corrective action, as necessary, to protect human health and the environment for all releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from any solid waste management unit (SWMU), for all permits issued after 8 November 1984. A Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) under Section 120(e)(2) of CERCLA is a mechanism used to investigate and clean up releases of hazardous waste and constituents to protect human health and the environment. All investigations and cleanups included in the FFA will meet or exceed all applicable or relevant and appropriate state and federal requirements, including RCRA, to the extent required by Section 121 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9621.IV.A.2. The corrective action for JBER will be satisfied by the FFA, which was dated by EPA on 19 September 1991, and became effective on 15 November 1991. Compliance with the FFA is made a condition of this permit and the FFA is included in this permit as Attachment 9. The corrective action requirement of 40 CFR § 264.101 will be satisfied by the FFA, except for:
- IV.A.2.a. Those units that the parties to the FFA transfer to the Corrective Action Schedule of Compliance in Attachment 8;
- IV.A.2.b. Those SWMUs that the Parties to the FFA formally identify as outside the scope of the FFA;
- IV.A.2.c. Those newly identified SWMUs that the Parties to the FFA identify as outside the scope of the FFA, which EPA determines to be subject to corrective action; or
- IV.A.2.d. Those SWMUs that are discovered after the termination of the FFA, which EPA determines will be subject to corrective action..
- IV.A.3. All SMWUs at JBER shall be appropriately addressed either under the FFA or directly under this permit. The Permittee shall notify EPA of SWMUs that are not being addressed by the FFA. For SWMUs subject to paragraphs IV.A.2.a and IV A.2.b, such notice shall be provided within 30 days of the effective date of this Permit. For SWMUs subject to paragraphs IV.A.2.c and IV.A.2.d, such notice shall be provided within 30 days of the identification or discovery, subject to EPA approval.
- IV.A.4. The SWMUs that are presently being addressed under the FFA are listed in Attachment 8, "Corrective Action for Solid Waste Management Units."

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#### IV.B. Newly-Identified or Newly-Created Solid Waste Management Units

- IV.B.1. The Permittee shall notify the Administrator in writing of any newly-identified or newly-created SWMU(s) that are not covered by this permit or the FFA, as set out in Attachment 8. This notice shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after discovery of the newly identified or created SWMU(s).
- IV.B.2. Within ninety (90) calendar days after the notification provided in accordance with permit condition IV.B.1, the Permittee shall prepare a SWMU Assessment Report. At a minimum, the Report shall provide the following information for each newly-identified or newly-created SWMU:
- IV.B.2.a. The location of each newly-identified SWMU in relation to other SWMUs, building numbers, or other descriptive landmarks;
- IV.B.2.b. The type and function of the unit;
- IV.B.2.c. The general dimensions, capacities, and structural description of the unit (supply any available drawings);
- IV.B.2.d. The period during which the unit was operated;
- IV.B.2.e. The specifics on all wastes that have been or are being managed at the SWMU, to the extent available; and
- IV.B.2.f. A description of any release (or suspected release) of hazardous constituents originating from the unit, including planned or unplanned releases to the air. Include information on the date of release, type of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents, quantity released, nature of the release, extent of release migration, and cause of release (e.g. overflow, broken pipe, tank leak, etc.). Also provide any available data which would quantify the nature and extent of environmental contamination, including the results of soil and/or groundwater sampling and analysis efforts. Likewise, submit any existing monitoring information that indicates release of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents has not occurred or is not occurring.
- IV.B.3. Based on the results of this Report, the Administrator shall determine the need for further investigations at specific unit(s) covered in the SWMU Assessment Report. If the Administrator determines that such investigations are needed, the Administrator may require the Permittee to prepare an RFI workplan and/or RFI report within a specified time and in accordance with EPA guidance. If the Administrator determines that corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to implement corrective measures.

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#### IV.C. Newly-Discovered Releases at Solid Waste Management Units

- IV.C.1 The Permittee shall notify the Administrator, in writing, of any release(s) of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents from any SWMU. Such newly-discovered releases may be from newly-identified SWMU's, from SWMU's at which the Administrator had previously determined that no further investigation was necessary, or from SWMU's investigated as part of this permit. This notification shall be submitted in two parts:
- IV.C.1.a First, within fifteen (15) calendar days of discovery of the release the Permittee shall submit in writing an initial notification report of the discovery. This notification shall alert the Agency to the magnitude of the threat.
- IV.C.1.b Second, within sixty (60) days of such a discovery the Permittee must submit a written report. The report shall discuss the Permittee's efforts to investigate and/or remediate the discovered release and shall specifically include:
  - the concentrations and estimated quantities of any hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents released;
  - the known, or expected, pathway(s) through which the contamination is migrating (or may migrate), and the extent, rate, and direction of that migration;
  - iii. the projected fate and transport of the release;
  - the likely exposure pathway(s) for potential receptors, and the consequences of exposure to these receptors; and,
  - v. an outline of proposed Interim Measures to arrest the release, as well as a schedule for implementing the Measures. The schedule should be justified by a discussion of possible consequences arising from any delay in implementing Interim Measures.
- IV.C.2 If, based either on information submitted in IV.B.1 or IV.C.1 above, or on information obtained during the investigation or monitoring of the facility, the Agency determines at any time that a threat to human health or the environment may result from a release at the facility, the Permittee will be directed by a notification from the Agency to implement interim corrective measures designed to minimize the threat to human health and the environment, subject to review and approval by the Agency. Interim corrective measures are subject to the dispute resolution procedures in permit condition V.N. Implementation by the Permittee of treatment or containment activities taken during immediate response to a

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discharge of hazardous waste, an imminent and substantial threat of a discharge of hazardous waste, or a discharge of material which, when discharged, becomes a hazardous waste, is not subject to this permit. [40 C.F.R. § 270.1(c)(3)]

IV.C.3 Within ninety (90) days of discovery of a release, the Permittee shall submit a Report describing the interim corrective measures activities taken to date. This Report shall include the reporting requirements specified in permit condition IV.A. If the Administrator determines that additional investigation or corrective measures are required, the Permittee shall submit a request for a permit modification to investigate and perform additional corrective measures, or the Agency may initiate a permit modification.

#### IV.D. Date/Deadline Changes

Revisions to Attachment 9 of this Permit (the FFA), resulting from amendments to the FFA dates/deadlines, shall not require a permit modification if all parties to the FFA have agreed upon such revisions.

### **ATTACHMENT G**

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# Final RCRA Permit Renewal Application

Part A: RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form

### United States Environmental Protection Agency RCRA SUBTITLE C SITE IDENTIFICATION FORM



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#### 10. Type of Regulated Waste Activity (at your site)

Mark "Yes" or "No" for all current activities (as of the date submitting the form); complete any additional boxes as instructed.

#### A. Hazardous Waste Activities

V	N	1. Gen	erator of H	azardous Waste—If "Yes", mark only one of the following—a, b, c							
		<b>V</b>	a. LQG	Generates, in any calendar month, 1,000 kg/mo (2,200 lb/mo) or more of non-acute hazardous waste (includes quantities imported by importer site); or Generates, in any calendar month, or accumulates at any time, more than 1 kg/mo (2.2 lb/mo) of acute hazardous waste; or Generates, in any calendar month or accumulates at any time, more than 100 kg/mo (220 lb/mo) of acute hazardous spill cleanup material.							
b. SQG			b. SQG	100 to 1,000 kg/mo (220-2,200 lb/mo) of non-acute hazardous waste and no more than 1 kg (2.2 lb) of acute hazardous waste and no more than 100 kg (220 lb) of any acute hazardous spill cleanup material.							
			c. VSQG	Less than or equal to 100 kg/mo (220 lb/mo) of non-acute hazardous waste.							
Y	Vη	2. Short-Term Generator (generates from a short-term or one-time event and not from on-going processes). If "Yes", provide an explanation in the Comments section. Note: If "Yes", you MUST indicate that you are a Generator of Hazardous Waste in Item 10.A.1 above.									
Y	VΝ	3. Trea	ater, Storer se activities	or Disposer of Hazardous Waste—Note: Part B of a hazardous waste permit is required 6.							
Y	√N	4. Receives Hazardous Waste from Off-site									
Y	5 Recycler of Hazardous Waste										
			a. Recycle	r who stores prior to recycling							
b. Recycler who does not store prior to recycling											
Y	□γ										
			a. Small Q	uantity On-site Burner Exemption							
	b. Smelting, Melting, and Refining Furnace Exemption										

**B. Waste Codes for Federally Regulated Hazardous Wastes.** Please list the waste codes of the Federal hazardous wastes handled at your site. List them in the order they are presented in the regulations (e.g. D001, D003, F007, U112). Use an additional page if more spaces are needed.

D001	D006	D011	D022	D027	D032	D037
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D003	D008	D019	D024	D029	D034	D039
D004	D009	D020	D025	D030	D035	D040
D005	D010	D021	D026	D031	D036	D041

C. Waste Codes for State Regulated (non-Federal) Hazardous Wastes. Please list the waste codes of the State hazardous
wastes handled at your site. List them in the order they are presented in the regulations. Use an additional page if more
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1.	dditional Regulated Waste Activities (NOTE: Refer to your State regulations to determine if a separate permit is required.	.)
	A. Other Waste Activities	

A. Other Waste Activities
☐γ ✓ N 1. Transporter of Hazardous Waste—If "Yes", mark all that apply.
a. Transporter
b. Transfer Facility (at your site)
Y VN 2. Underground Injection Control
☐Y ☑N 3. United States Importer of Hazardous Waste
□γ ∇ N 4. Recognized Trader—If "Yes", mark all that apply.
a. Importer
b. Exporter
5. Importer/Exporter of Spent Lead-Acid Batteries (SLABs) under 40 CFR 266 Subpart G—If "Yes", mark a that apply.
a. Importer
b. Exporter
B. Universal Waste Activities
Y Note: Refer to your State regulations to determine what is regulated.
a. Batteries
b. Pesticides
c. Mercury containing equipment
d. Lamps
e. Aerosol Cans
f. Other (specify)
g. Other (specify)
Y N 2. Destination Facility for Universal Waste Note: A hazardous waste permit may be required for this activity.
C. Used Oil Activities
□γ 🔽 N 1. Used Oil Transporter—If "Yes", mark all that apply.
a. Transporter
b. Transfer Facility (at your site)
□γ ✓ N 2. Used Oil Processor and/or Re-refiner—If "Yes", mark all that apply.
a. Processor
b. Re-refiner
□ γ ✓ N 3. Off-Specification Used Oil Burner
Y N 4. Used Oil Fuel Marketer—If "Yes", mark all that apply.
a. Marketer Who Directs Shipment of Off-Specification Used Oil to Off-Specification Used Oil Burne
b. Marketer Who First Claims the Used Oil Meets the Specifications

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Are you notifying under 40 CFR 260.42 that you will begin managing, are managing, or will stop managing hazardous secondary material under 40 CFR 260.30, 40 CFR 261.4(a)(23), (24), (25), or (27)? If "Yes", you must fill out the Addendum to the Site Identification Form for Managing Hazardous Secondary Material.      Are you notifying as a person, as defined in 40 CFR 260.10, electing to use the EPA electronic manifest system to obtain, complete, and transmit an electronic manifest under a contractual relationship with a hazardous waste generator?      Are you notifying as a person, as defined in 40 CFR 260.10, electing to use the EPA electronic manifest system to obtain, complete, and transmit an electronic manifest under a contractual relationship with a hazardous waste generator?        Are you notifying as a person, as defined in 40 CFR 260.10, electing to use the EPA electronic manifest system to obtain, complete, and transmit an electronic manifest under a contractual relationship with a hazardous waste generator?	16. Notification of Hazardous Secondary Material (HSM) Activity	
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### **ATTACHMENT H**

#### RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

## DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON

#### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency opened a public comment period on the draft Permit on July 24, 2023. The draft Permit and Fact Sheet supporting the draft Permit were made available to the public and the Permittee at that time. The comment period was open from July 24 through September 7, 2023. The EPA received one timely written comment submitted jointly by Laura Olah, Executive Director, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB) and Pamela Miller, Executive Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT).

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.17, a response to comments (RTC) must be prepared at the time a final permit decision is issued. The RTC is included in the administrative record (AR) for the final permit decision. New materials can be added to the AR through the RTC if new points are raised or new materials submitted during the public comment period. The final permit decision was issued on September 30, 2023 (Final Permit).

This RTC responds to all comments received from the public by the end of the comment period. The EPA is responding in this RTC to CSWAB's formal written comment.

**EPA's Responses:** Comment #1 was submitted jointly by Laura Olah, Executive Director, Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB) and Pamela Miller, Executive Director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) on September 5, 2023.

#### Comment #1:

(Excerpted from "EPA Set to Defer Cleanup of Alaska Burn Pits for Decades, Again")

The longer cleanup and closure of the OB/OD areas at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson are deferred, the greater the RISK to human health and the environment and the greater the CERTAINTY that the military will argue that restoration and cleanup are technically and economically infeasible – leaving this toxic legacy for generations to come. For all these reasons, we strongly object to any further deferral or delay of cleanup and closure at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

#### Response #1:

The EPA thanks the commenter for their comment and shares their concern for human health and the environment at JBER. The EPA will require JBER to collect additional environmental information pursuant to 40 CFR 264.601 to determine if the OB/OD unit in delayed closure

presents an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. In addition, a placeholder condition has been added to the permit (II.B. Environmental Performance Standards for OB/OD Unit, 40 CFR Part 264 Subpart X) that will later be populated through an agency-initiated modification if the EPA determines that additional actions are necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment based on the new information.

### **ATTACHMENT I**



### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

13 December 2016

#### MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: AFCEC/CZOP

10471 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 317 JBER, AK 99506-3221

SUBJECT: Incorporation of SO552 (ST402) - Building (BLDG) 8321 Waste Oil Tank into the

JBER-Elmendorf (JBER-E) Federal Facility Agreement (FFA)

SO552 (ST402) – BLDG 8321 Waste Oil Tank is located west of Jerstad Avenue between Fighter Drive and Johnson Avenue, immediately adjacent to the northwest side of Building 8326 in an industrial area of JBER-E. SO552 is the former location of a 500-gallon waste oil underground storage tank (UST) that was on the northwest side of Building 8326 (formerly Building 32-127). The UST received waste oil from an oil-water separator (OWS) located inside the building. Prior to the 1994 UST decommissioning, the aqueous discharge from the OWS system was routed to an abandoned timber crib leach field located west of the former UST location. At the time of a follow-on investigation in 1997, the OWS was plumbed into the Base sanitary sewer system.

Multiple sampling events have been conducted at SO552 over the years. During groundwater monitoring events from 2006-2012, groundwater sample results showed that benzene, TCE, chlorobenzene, GRO and DRO concentrations exceeded 18 AAC 75 Table B1 and Table B2 cleanup levels. Although TCE and chlorobenzene have been detected in groundwater in monitoring wells on-site, it was considered to be originating from OU3MW-25 in association with OU3. This well is up gradient of the site and had shown the presence of TCE and chlorobenzene contaminants during groundwater monitoring from 1993-2009.

A Site Characterization and Risk assessment was conducted from July 2013-February 2015. A total of five LIF probes, seven soil borings, and two monitoring wells were installed at SO552 in 2013. Nine soil samples, collected from within the NAPL-contaminated soil source area, were analyzed for VOCs, GRO, DRO, and RRO. Additionally, four of these samples were analyzed for PAH, VPH and EPH. Soil borings 13SO552-SB04 and 13SO552-SB05 were converted to monitoring wells 402WL-04 and 402WL-05, respectively. Groundwater samples were collected from five monitoring wells (402WL-01, 402WL-02, 402WL-04, 402WL-05, and 402MW-DG). These samples were analyzed for VOCs, GRO, DRO and RRO. Four groundwater samples were also analyzed for PAH, VPH and EPH. One soil gas probe was installed and one sample collected (plus duplicate) from the soil gas probe during two separate events. All soil gas samples were analyzed for the following VOCs: 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, benzene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes, naphthalene and TCE.

#### JBER-Elmendorf Federal Facility Agreement Incorporation of SO552 into FFA

The SO552 2013/2014/2015 investigation results indicate that concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons and waste oil-related VOCs are the primary chemicals of concern, and are present above their most conservative 18 AAC 75 Table B1 screening criteria from approximately 12 to 15.5 feet below ground surface (bgs) and in groundwater above 18 AAC 75 Table C groundwater levels. Trichloroethylene was found to be present at concentrations ranging between 0.04 to 0.63 mg/kg in eight samples collected from soil borings 13SO552SB-02 and 13SO552SB-03, 13SO552SB-06 and 13SO552SB-07. These concentrations exceed the 18 AAC 75 Table B1 cleanup level and indicate that the groundwater contamination derives from these soils and not the up gradient site as previously determined.

Based on site-specific information indicating that CERCLA contaminants are present in the soil, the Project Managers agree that SO552 – BLDG 8321 Waste Oil Tank will be incorporated into the JBER-E FFA as a new site subject to the stipulations listed in the FFA, including Attachment 1. Upon approval, this document will be attached to the current FFA (effective 19 Sep 1991).

Signature below indicates concurrence with the request to incorporate SO552 into the JBER-E FFA:

Teresa Lee

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska

U.S. Air Force

Sandra Halstead

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Louis Howard

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Spill Prevention and Response

Contaminated Sites Program

. 13,2016

### **ATTACHMENT J**



### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO LACKLAND TEXAS

10 March 2023

#### MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: AFCEC/CZOP

10471 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 345 JBER, AK 99506-3221

SUBJECT: Incorporation of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Sites into the JBER-Elmendorf (JBER-E) Federal Facility Agreement (FFA)

- 1. Nineteen sites having PFAS in soil and/or groundwater exceeding Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Screening Levels (RSL) will be added to the JBER-E FFA. Site locations are shown on the attached Figure 1. The nineteen sites are listed below.
  - SS135P (C17 Debris Yard)
  - SS136P (Current AFFF Test Area)
  - SS137P (Corrosion Control)
  - SS138P (Current Fire Training Area)
  - SS139P (Former AFFF Test Area)
  - SS140P (Fire Station 1)
  - SS141P (Fire Station 6)
  - SS142P (Fire Station 7)
  - SS143P (Fire Suppression Foam Storage)
  - SS144P (Hangar 5 Test Area)

- SS145P (Hangar 6)
- SS146P (Hangar 10)
- SS147P (Hangar 16)
- SS148P (Hangar 17)
- SS150P (Cessna Crash Site)
- SS152P (Airlifter Road PFAS)
- SS155P (Hangar 18)
- SS156P (Hangar 8)
- SS159P (C-17 Crash Location)
- 2. A Site Inspection (SI) for Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Areas was performed in 2016 at twenty-six locations on JBER-E and JBER-Richardson (JBER-R). The AFFF areas included in the SI were selected based upon the Preliminary Assessment Report for Perfluorinated Compounds at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Soil and/or groundwater samples were collected from each site and submitted for PFAS analysis. The attached Table 1 summarizes information from the SI for each site.
- 3. The 2016 SI PFAS sample results were compared to the May 2022 EPA RSLs for three PFAS constituents; perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), and perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS). Soil and/or groundwater samples exceeded one or more PFAS RSL for each of the nineteen JBER-E sites. The attached Table 1 includes the PFAS sample result comparisons for each site.

## JBER-Elmendorf (JBER-E) Federal Facility Agreement Document Schedule Incorporation of PFAS Sites into FFA

- 1. Based on site-specific information indicating that PFAS contaminants are present in soil and/or groundwater, the Project Managers agree that the sites listed below will be incorporated into the FFA as new sites subject to the stipulations listed in the FFA and Attachment 1 (effective 19 Sep 1991).
- 2. The nineteen sites PFAS sites added to the JBER-E FFA are listed below.
  - SS135P (C17 Debris Yard)
  - SS136P (Current AFFF Test Area)
  - SS137P (Corrosion Control)
  - SS138P (Current Fire Training Area)
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- SS147P (Hangar 16)
- SS148P (Hangar 17)
- SS150P (Cessna Crash Site)
- SS152P (Airlifter Road PFAS)
- SS155P (Hangar 18)
- SS156P (Hangar 8)
- SS159P (C-17 Crash Location)

3. The following document schedule will be included as an attachment to the FFA:

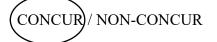
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Primary	Draft Phase I RIMP	05 May 2021
Primary	Draft Phase I RIMP Addendum 1	08 Aug 2022
Primary	Draft Phase I RIMP Addendum 2	16 Nov 2023
Primary	Draft Phase I RI Report	28 Apr 2025
Primary	Draft Phase II RI Management Plan	05 May 2026
Primary	Draft Phase II RI Report	31 Jan 2028
Primary	Draft FS Report	31 Jan 2030
Secondary	Draft Proposed Plan	30 May 2031
Primary	Draft Record of Decision	31 Dec 2032

4. This schedule may be updated or modified to include additional primary or secondary documents as necessary to meet FFA requirements

Please Circle One:

Please Sign and Date:

10 March 2023



Stephen M. Krause

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska U.S. Air Force

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Sandra Halstead

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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William Schmaltz

FFA Project Manager, JBER-E, Alaska Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation Division of Spill Prevention and Response Contaminated Sites Program

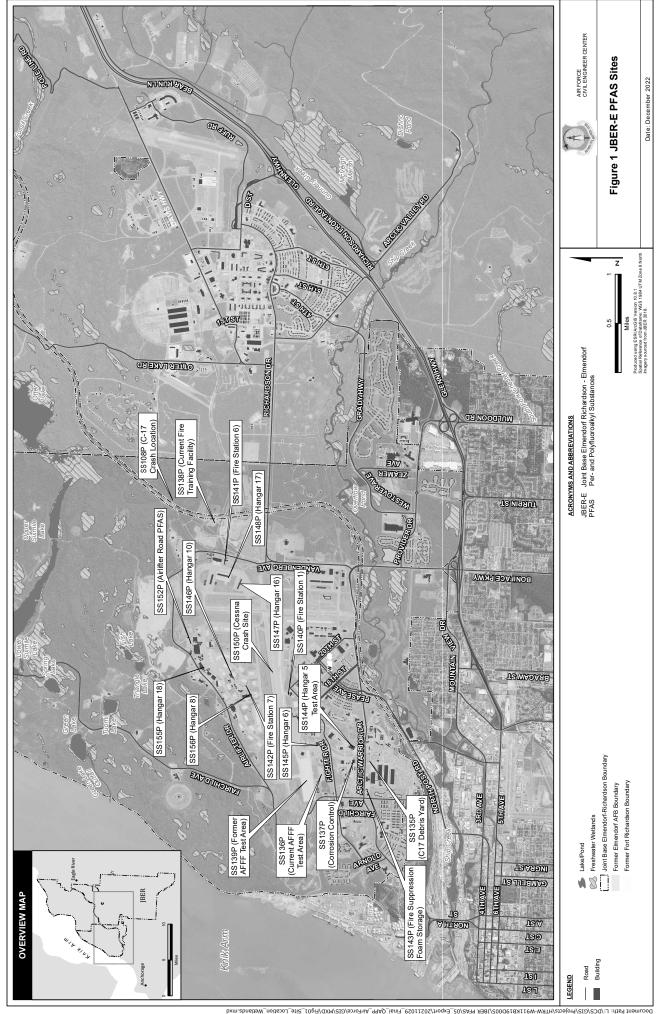


TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF PFAS SITES TO BE ADDED TO JBER-E FFA

SITE ID	SITE NAME (SI Site #)	SITE LOCATION	POTENTIAL AFFF RELEASE INFORMATION	2016 PFAS SITE INSPECTION SAMPLE SUMMARY (Results compared to May 2022 EPA RSL's)
SS135P	C17 Debris Yard (AFFF #6)	The C17 Debris Yard is located at the SE corner of Gibson Ave and 9th St.	Debris from C17 Crash (SS159P PFAS site) was placed in a fenced gravel yard at this site. All debris piles were lined and covered, but liners are in disrepair. It is unknown if debris was cleaned prior to transfer to storage yard.	No soil sampling conducted but one existing downgradient well was sampled. PFOA and PFOS detected in the groundwater sample at 0.860 and 6.40 µg/l, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in the groundwater sample.
SS136P	Current AFFF Test Area (AFFF #7)	The Current AFFF Spray Test Area is located south of the western end of the flightline and south of 23rd Street.	AFFF spray testing for JBER emergency response vehicles has been conducted at this location since 2012. The area consists of a bermed gravel yard that is also used as a snow dump. Spray nozzle testing occurs annually and no more than 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate per vehicle are released. Since there are currently eight vehicles that carry AFFF, there is a maximum of 80 gallons of AFFF released per year. Additional AFFF testing may be performed for maintenance purposes throughout the year at the site.	One soil and two groundwater samples were collected. PFOS was detected in the soil sample above the EPA RSL at a concentration of 0.030 mg/Kg, PFOA and PFBS were both detected below the EPA RSL. Maximum PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater samples were 0.610 and 3.30 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL.
SS137P	(AFFF #8)	The Corrosion Control Hangar (Building 6263) is located south of the main flightline on Gibson Ave.	Building 6263 was built in 1944 and is used for F-15 exterior paint maintenance. The hangar is equipped with an AFF fire-suppression system that includes a 400-gallon AFFF tank and one oscillating AFFF cannon. Since 2001, there has been annual and biennial testing that discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate to observe and adjust spray patterns. Foam discharged during testing is primarily collected in hangar drainage systems, although some may be dispersed onto paved surfaces outside the hangar. There was an accidental 400-gallon discharge in 2001. Prior to 2001, there was no established procedure for performing/documenting system maintenance.	Two soil samples and two groundwater samples were collected. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the soil samples were below the EPA RSIs. PFBS was not detected in the soil samples. Maximum PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the soil samples groundwater samples were 0.560 and 1.50 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSI. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSI. in the groundwater samples.
SS138P	Current Fire Training Facility (AFFF #9)	The current FTA is Located approximately 0.3 mile east of north end of the flightline.	The current FTA consists of a 125-foot-diameter lined bermed circular area with a mock aircraft and building and has been used for fire training since the mid-1990s. Fire training occurs approximately 20 times/year. According to Assistant Fire Chief, AFF has never been used to extinguish fires during training events. However, maintenance of mobile foam units used at Hangar 6 indicates AFFF testing may have occurred at the Current FTA. If so, AFFF testing discharge would release 3.5 gallons of concentrate per event from each of three units annually (total of 10.5 gallons each year).	Three soil and three groundwater samples were collected. The maximum PFOS concentration detected in the soil samples was 0.220 mg/Kg, above the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFBS were both detected below the EPA RSL in one or more soil samples. Maximum PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater samples were 0.440 and 1.40 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in at least one groundwater sample.
SS139P	Former AFFF Test Area (AFFF #12)	The former AFFF spray test area is located on the west ramp of the flightline.	The former AFFF spray test area was used from prior to 2000 until 2010 to test AFFF nozzle spray patterns for emergency response vehicles. The testing area is an unbermed, paved surface surrounded by gravel and grass. Testing occurred annually and occasionally additional testing was performed when maintenance activities required additional spray nozzle adjustments. No more than 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate per each emergency response vehicle were released during annual AFFF testing. During this period, generally eight emergency response vehicles were equipped with AFFF systems; as a result, it is estimated that up to 80 gallons of concentrate were released during annual festing during that time. Historical accounts indicate that foam was observed in the drainage south of the former AFFF spray test area and a release through the stormwater drainage system via the Cherry Hill ditch is suspected.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected in the soil sample above the EPA RSL at a concentration of 0.0150 mg/Kg. PFOA and PFBS were both detected below the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 1.70 and 1.80 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in the groundwater sample.
SS140P	Fire Station 1 (AFFF #13)	Fire Station 1 (Building 11415) is located along the west side of 20th Street, north of Fighter Drive.	Fire Station 1 is the main JBER fire station and houses four engines, three of which carry AFFF. The combined total storage of the three engines is 896 gallons of AFFF concentrate. An underground storage tank (UST) is located onsite that is known to have stored AFFF in the past and may still contain AFFF. Vehicle cleaning is conducted inside Fire Station 1 where floor drains are present to capture any runoff and transfer to the wastewater system for treatment. Annual AFFF testing (involving the discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFF concentrate for each emergency vehicle) was performed in the grassy area on the northwestern side of the station from 2010 to 2012. During this time, the annual testing of a maximum of eight emergency vehicles was divided between this location and Hangar 5 (SS144P). Refilling of the emergency vehicles' AFFF tanks occurs at Building 6210 (SS143P).	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the soil sample at concentrations of 0.0250 and 8.90 mg/Kg, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 0.720 and 2.90 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in the groundwater sample.

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SS141P	Fire Station 6 (AFF Area #14)	Fire Station 6 (Building 16673) is located along the west side of Talley Avenue off the eastern end of the flightline.	Fire Station 6 serves the flightline and houses one emergency response vehicle that carries approximately 500 gallons of AFFF concentrate. After a response that requires the application of AFFF, vehicle cleaning is conducted inside Fire Station 6, where runoff is captured by drains connected to the wastewater system. Small-scale nozzle testing has been conducted outside of Fire Station 6.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected above the EPA RSL in the soil sample at a concentration of 0.270 mg/kg. PFOA was detected below the EPA RSL and PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 0.00970 and 0.540 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was not detected in the groundwater sample.
SS142P	Fire Station 7 (AFFF Area #15)	Fire Station 7 (Building 14431) is located on the north side of the flightline, south of Airlifter Drive.	Fire Station 7 serves the flightline, and houses one emergency response vehicle which carries 210 gallons of AFFF concentrate. After a response that requires the application of AFFF, the worker primarily flushes the nozzle at the scene; however, small-scale AFFF testing also may have been performed at the station, which may have been released to nearby grassy areas. Vehicle cleaning is conducted inside Fire Station 7, where runoff is captured by drains connected to the sanitary sewer system.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA, PFOS, and PFBS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 5.10, 24.0, and 1.0 µg/L, respectively, all above the EPA RSL.
SS143P	Fire Suppression Foam Storage (AFFF #16)	Fire Suppression Foam Storage AFFF Area (Building 6210) is located on corner of Arctic Warrior Drive and Femoyer Avenue.	Building 6210 is used for storage of firefighting materials. The facility stores and dispenses all AFFF used on JBER. AFFF concentrate is stored in 55-gallon drums on pallets inside the building. Total AFFF stocked onsite must be enough to refill all emergency vehicles, which is currently 990 gallons of concentrate. Emergency vehicle AFFF tanks are refilled at the southeastern corner of Building 6210 using a hand pump to transfer AFFF from drums into vehicle holding tanks. Some small-scale testing of nozzles has also occurred in this area and has resulted in discharges to pavement south of Fire Suppression Foam Storage (Building 6210), and these discharges then pooled in low area of pavement. Tests used approximately 5 to 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate, which were allowed to dry up after pooling on pavement.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA, PFOS, and PFBS were all detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.620 and 0.950 µg/l, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in the groundwater sample.
SS144P	Hangar S Test Area (AFFF #18)	Hanger 5 (Building 7309) is located north of Arctic Warrior Drive and west of Kenney Avenue.	The former test area was a paved area located outside of the northeast corner of Building 7309. The test area was used from 2010 to 2012 for annual testing of the AFFF systems on emergency vehicles, AFFF testing was split with Fire Station I (Building 11415). Annual testing using 5 to 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate was conducted on the eight emergency vehicles (a maximum total of 80 gallons of concentrate annually) split between the Hangar 5 and Fire Station 1 test areas. Other additional small-scale testing may have been performed as needed.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA was detected in the soil sample above the FPA RSL at a concentration of 0.0240 mg/Kg. PFOA and PFBS were detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOA, PFOS, and PFBS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 1.10, 1.90, and 0.630 µg/L, respectively, all above the EPA RSL.
SS145P	Hangar 6 (AFFF #19)	Hangar 6 (Building 9311) is located south of the main flightline toward the northern end of Jerstadt Avenue.	Hangar 6 was constructed in 1944 and the Alaska National Guard operates the Army's Regional Flight Center within this hangar. Hangar 6 currently has three portable fire suppression systems containing AFF. These systems were purchased in 2009 but were later determined unnecessary to meet safety requirements and were taken out of service in late 2014. The units never had any accidental activations or use in emergency responses, however, testing of the AFF spray patterns was performed annually. A total of 3.5 gallons of AFF concentrate was contained in each of three portable fire suppression units. During testing, the AFF tanks on each unit were emptied completely, for a total of 10.5 gallons discharged during each annual test. The fire suppression systems (containing AFFF) testing was performed on the pavement to the west of the hangar	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the soil sample at concentrations below the EPA RSL. PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS were detected in the groundwater sample at concentrations of 0.260 and 0.950 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected below the EPA RSL in both the groundwater sample.
SS146P	Hangar 10 (AFFF #21)	Hanger 10 (Building 15444) is located along Taxiway Kilo on the north side of main flightline.	Hangar 10 was built in 1957 as a heavy aircraft fuel maintenance hangar and is utilized by the 176th Air National Guard. The Hangar 10 AFF fire suppression system was installed in 1971 and included a 1,500-gallon AFF tank, overhead sprinkler network, and three oscillating AFF cannons located inside along north side of hangar. The system was later converted to a high-expansion foam system. Since 2001, general practices at hangars where AFF systems are installed include (1) annual testing to determine whether system is responding as designed (without releasing foam) and (2) biennial testing that includes discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFF concentrate to observe and adjust spray patterns. There has been an estimated five to six accidental activations since 2000 with approximately 100 to 200 gallons of AFF concentrate for each cannon. Some AFF was collected in floor drains, and some AFF was allowed to flow outdoor at northeastern corner (facing east) of hangar.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA and PFBS were detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.200 and 0.280 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.

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SS147P	Hangar 16 (AFFF #22)	Hangar 16 (Building 15658) is located on the north side of the main flightline on Taxiway Foxtrot.	Hangar 16 was constructed in 1945 and is the home of the F-22 Combat Alert Cell. The hangar consists of 8 separate bays. The AFFF system was installed in mid-1990s and consists of two fixed AFFF cannons in each bay which operated independently from each other. Two known activations of the AFFF system have occurred since 2000, each of which completely emptied the 325-gallon AFFF tank. In each discharge, some AFFF was collected in floor drains, but most was pushed out of bay doors onto paved pad and left to evaporate. Since 2001, general practices at hangars where AFFF systems are installed include (1) annual testing to determine whether system is responding as designed (without releasing foam) and (2) biennial testing that includes discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate to observe and adjust spray patterns. Foam discharge during testing is primarily collected in hangar drainage systems	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.0330 and 0.230 µg/l, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.
SS148P	Hangar 17 (AFFF #23)	Hangar 17 (Building 16670) is located on the east side of the main flightline on Taxiway Foxtrot.	Hangar 17 was constructed in 1996 and houses the 907th Aircraft Maintenance Unit for F-22s. The AFFF system includes a 300-gallon tank and fixed-head sprinkler system. Three or four accidental system activations have occurred since 2000, each of which discharged approximately 5 gallons of AFFF concentrate. Since 2001, general practices at the hangars where AFFF systems are installed include (1) annual testing to determine whether the system is responding as designed (without releasing foam) and (2) biennial testing that includes the discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFFF concentrate to observe and adjust spray patterns.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOA and PFOS was detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.0150 and 0.270 µg/l, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.
SS150P	Cessna Crash Site (AFFF #26)	The Cessna Crash site is along the south side of Airlifter Drive, near the center of the east-west runway.	On October 6, 2009, a Cessna UC-35A crashed in the central portion of the east-west runway. The JBER Fire Department responded to the plane crash on the runway, and sprayed AFFF in the crash area as a precautionary measure. The AFFF was then allowed to dissipate in place. The quantity of AFFF used during the response is unknown. Because the AFFF was allowed to dissipate in place, it is likely that AFFF reached the grass and gravel areas adjacent to the runway.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFBS were not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.110 and 0.370 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.
SS152P	Airlifter Road PFAS (AFFF #17)	The Airlifter Road PFAS site is located north of 33rd Street and east of Airlifter Drive.	The site was used as an FTA from approximately 1940 until 1983. It currently consists of paved parking lots and roads surrounded by buildings to the south. The site historically consisted of a bermed fire training pit area, which was an approximate 50-foot-diameter circular area. Each training exercise included burning an estimated 250 to 3,000 gallons of oils, fuels, and solvents. According to the Assistant Fire Chief, AFF was never used to extinguish the fires during training events. The site is an existing CERCLA site (FT023) for legacy contaminants.	One groundwater sample was collected. PFOA was detected above the EPA RSL in the groundwater sample at a concentration of 0.030 µg/L. PFOS and PFBS were not detected in the groundwater sample.
SS155P	Hangar 18 (AFFF #24)	Hangar 18 (Building 17470) is located on the north side the of main flightline on Taxiway Joker.	Hangar 18 was built in 1999 and is a large aircraft maintenance hangar used by the 176th Air National Guard. The AFFF fire suppression system includes two 750-gallon AFFF tanks and four oscillating AFFF cannons within the hangar. Several accidental activations of the AFFF fire suppression system occurred around 2005, including at least one instance when all four cannons activated simultaneously, and other incidents when one or two cannons were activated. The estimated volume for each of these discharges was 1,000 gallons of AFFF concentrate. AFF was collected in floor drains and was allowed to flow outdoor at the south side of the west bay of hangar.	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected in the soil sample above the EPA RSL at a concentration of 0.0330 mg/Kg. PFOA was detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFBS was not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.230 and 8.10 µg/L, respectively, both above the FPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.
SS156P	Hangar 8 (AFFF #2)	Hangar 8 (Building 14410) located on the northern side of main flightline on Taxiway Bravo.	Hangar 8 is a large aircraft maintenance hangar that was built in 1957 and is used for the maintenance of E-3/AWACS. The AFFF fire suppression system was installed in 1987 and includes a 1,500-gallon tank, overhead sprinkler network, and three foam cannons. Prior to 2001, there was no established procedure/schedule for performing or documenting system maintenance. Since 2001, general practices at hangars where AFF systems are installed include (1) annual testing to determine whether system is responding as designed (without releasing foam) and (2) biennial testing that includes discharge of 5 to 10 gallons of AFF concentrate to observe and adjust spray patterns. Foam discharged during testing is primarily collected in hangar drainage systems, although some may be dispersed onto paved surfaces outside hangar. Three accidental activations occurred between 2000 and 2004 (each approximately 100 to 200 gallons of AFF concentrate).	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was detected below the EPA RSL in the soil sample. PFOA and PFBS were not detected in the soil sample. PFOA and PFOS concentrations detected in the groundwater sample were 0.0380 and 0.170 µg/L, respectively, both above the EPA RSL. PFBS was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL.

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SS159P	SS159P C-17 Crash	The C-17 Crash Location is	This site is the location of a C-17 aircraft crash site that occurred in July 2010. The crash location is	One soil and one groundwater sample were collected. PFOS was
	Location	2,000 feet northeast of the	undeveloped except for ARRC tracks crossing site. The crash released approximately 4,000 gallons of jet	detected in the soil sample below the EPA RSL. PFOA and PFBS were
	(AFFF #25)	east-west runway.	fuel, but most of the fuel was consumed in a resulting fire. Fire responders dispensed AFFF to isolate fuel	not detected in the soil sample. PFOA was detected in the ground
			vapors. After the fire was put out, AFFF was allowed to dissipate in place. Approximately 220 gallons of	sample above the EPA RSL at a concentration of 0.00890 µg/L. PFBS
			AFFF concentrate were used for emergency response; it is unknown which type of AFFF was applied. In	was detected in the groundwater sample below the EPA RSL. PFOS
			October 2012, a removal action was conducted to remove fuel-contaminated soils from crash site to	was not detected in the groundwater sample.
			return the site to unrestricted use. A total of 1,544 cubic yards of fuel-contaminated soil was removed	
			from the site and disposed of offsite in accordance with state regulations. Because AFFF distribution	
			would likely be associated with the fuel-contaminated areas, much of the residual AFFF may have been	
			removed along with fuel-contaminated soil during the 2012 removal action.	