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RESPONSE

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Blank FOST/FOSL Submission Dates in CERCLIS

**FROM:** Gail Cooper, Acting Deputy Director  
Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail Cooper".

**TO:** Federal Facilities Regional Program Representatives

In the ongoing efforts to improve and validate regional data quality in CERCLIS, missing historical FOST/FOSL submission dates (start dates) need to be entered.

According to a July 2006 Audit Report, the regions had several blank submission dates for NPL sites and non-NPL sites. Due to the fact that the majority of these actions are historical and some submission dates are unavailable, regions should use the following guidance to input the **historical** FOST/FOSL submission dates.

The "Department of Defense Guidance on the Environmental Review Process to Reach a Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) For Property Where Release or Disposal Has Occurred" (July 1995) ([http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/pdf/fost\\_prprty\\_release\\_occurred.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/fedfac/pdf/fost_prprty_release_occurred.pdf)) states the following:

"The regulatory agencies and public will be notified of the intent to sign a FOST. This will take place at the earliest possible time, but no later than 30 days prior to a transfer by deed. The notification will be mailed to the regulatory agencies and will include the draft FOST... The DoD Components will address relevant comments from regulatory officials and other appropriate entities that have been received within this 30-day period." (F-34)

This official guidance applies to both historical FOSTs and FOSLs recorded in CERCLIS. For non-historical FOST/FOSL actions, it is expected that regions input both the actual start and completion dates in CERCLIS.

*For blank FOST/FOSL Submission (Start) dates:*

- For that action, enter the start date as 30 days prior to the concurrence (completion) date.

- Put a comment in the “Description” field referencing the input of the date and the above guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brendan Roache at 703-603-8704.

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