

# Executive Summary

Over the past 10 years, the Department of Defense (DoD) has invested approximately \$42 billion to ensure the success of its environmental programs. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, DoD obligated approximately \$4.3 billion in resources for environmental activities.

The FY2009 Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report to Congress (DEP ARC) provides a comprehensive review of DoD's budget trends and environmental performance. The DEP ARC fulfills multiple statutory requirements, outlining how DoD uses Congressional funding to meet environmental program goals.

This year, DoD has changed the structure of the DEP ARC to present a more concise, agency-level report that clearly articulates DoD's environmental story to a wider audience. Chapters 1 through 10 report information at the DoD-level, and Appendix B provides DoD Component-level data to support the report.

The following outlines DoD's environmental programs, highlighting significant achievements for FY2009:

- **Natural and Cultural Resources:** DoD manages approximately 29 million acres of land across the United States, protecting natural resources and preserving history and culture. DoD funded 72 Legacy Resource Management Projects and increased the percentage of installations with completed Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans (ICRMPs) from 69 to 81 percent.
- **Compliance:** DoD's operations are subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the United States and environmental obligations overseas. DoD decreased new and open enforcement actions by 5 percent and 17 percent, respectively, and provided safe drinking water to 96 percent of the population (over 3.3 million people) served by DoD public water systems.
- **Pollution Prevention:** DoD employs a number of strategies to reduce pollution such as using alternative fuels, purchasing greener products, eliminating the use of ozone-depleting substances, and reducing the use of hazardous materials. DoD diverted 66 percent of construction and demolition debris from landfills and reduced hazardous waste disposal by nearly 14,000 tons.
- **Restoration:** The Restoration Program addresses hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and military munitions remaining from past operations at active installations, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) installations, and Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) properties. DoD established remedies or completed cleanup at 86 percent of Installation Restoration Program sites and 43 percent of munitions response sites at active installations.