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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

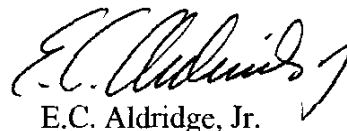
Dear Mr. President:

The Department of Defense is pleased to present to Congress the Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Environmental Restoration Program report. This report is submitted pursuant to Section 2706 of Title 10, and Sections 9620(e)(5) and 9621(c) of Title 42, United States Code, and fulfills the reporting requirements in Section 313 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. This report describes the Department's accomplishments and plans for fulfilling commitments to the protection of human health and the environment by completing its environmental restoration program responsibilities.

The Defense Environmental Restoration Program addresses environmental impacts from past defense activities at over 29,000 sites on approximately 11,000 military installations and former properties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. As detailed in the report, the Department made significant environmental restoration progress in Fiscal Year 2002. As of September 30, 2002, the Department had completed cleanup activities to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act requirements at 69 percent of its sites and former properties.

The Department appreciates the continued support of the Congress for this program.

Sincerely,



E.C. Aldridge, Jr.

Enclosure:
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