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Mr. Reggie Cheatham
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Dear Mr. Cheatham:

Reggie

As you know, the Department of Defense (DoD) has been conducting cleanup under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) since 1986. With over 34,000 sites in the program and limited funding available for cleanup, DoD establishes goals to guide the DERP's progress. DoD has made significant progress meeting our goals of cleaning up hazardous waste sites and characterizing munitions response sites for cleanup.

I am pleased to announce that DoD has established new response complete (RC) goals for Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) sites at active installations, and for IRP sites at Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) properties. As a large portion of the DERP advances into the final stages of cleanup, these new goals will move sites through the last phases to site closeout. The new goals are:

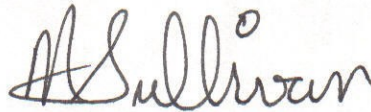
- Achieve RC at 90% of IRP and MMRP sites at active installations, and IRP sites at FUDS properties by Fiscal Year (FY) 2018.
- Achieve RC at 95% of IRP and MMRP sites at active installations, and IRP sites at FUDS properties RC by FY2021.

The goals are important because they assist the DoD Components in justifying and defending their cleanup budgets in times of financial austerity. I have enclosed a copy of the memorandum that establishes these goals, provides the definition of RC, and provides guidance on the requirement to seek environmental regulatory agreement on DoD's RC determinations and document these determinations. Because regulatory involvement is critical to the success of the DERP, DoD will seek regulatory agreement on RC determinations at all sites, regardless of whether they are on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List.

DoD continues to work on establishing RC goals for our Base Realignment and Closure installations and for MMRP sites at FUDS properties. I will provide future updates to keep you informed of our progress.

DoD's progress in advancing the DERP would not be possible without the strong support of the environmental regulators. We will continue to enhance our collaborative relationship with state regulators as we work through the final phases of the DERP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MSullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small circle above the "i" in "Sullivan".

Maureen Sullivan

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Enclosure:
As stated