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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL
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DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DSS-E)

SUBJECT: Prioritization Protocol for Perchlorate Impacts to Drinking Water from DoD
Facilities in California

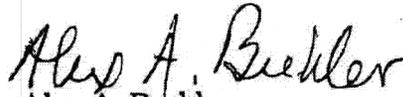
At the direction of this office, the DoD Regional Environmental Coordinator team (DoD REC) for Federal Region IX led an effort over the past several months to develop a prioritization protocol (attachment 1) for prioritizing perchlorate sampling activities DoD facilities in California that is consistent with DoD's Interim Policy on Perchlorate Sampling (dated September 29, 2003). This protocol was developed in collaboration with the State of California's Environmental Protection Agency (CAL-EPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), and the military Services. This State/DoD team is known as the California Perchlorate Working Group (CA PWG).

DoD personnel and California regulators representing CAL-EPA, DTSC, SWRCB and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards met on July 1, 2004 to review the protocol in detail and surfaced questions related to the protocol's application. The CA PWG developed a question-and-answer matrix titled "Elaboration on the Prioritization Protocol for Perchlorate Impacts" to guide implementation of the protocol (attachment 2).

Finally, the CA PWG's "Action Plan for Follow-Up Activity" provides milestones for initial implementation of the protocol (attachment 3). It is important that DoD Components move out quickly with California regulators to jointly develop a final State-wide prioritization list within 60 days this memorandum. Components should make every effort to rapidly initiate sampling in accordance with prioritization.



I request that the DoD Components disseminate these documents to their respective installations in California for immediate implementation and that the Office of the Secretary of Defense be notified of the implementation results and associated implications. The implementation of these documents is not to effect or replace any ongoing environmental restoration activities that may include work related to perchlorate. I appreciate your support of this important program.



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Attachments:

1. Prioritization Protocol for Perchlorate Impacts
 To Drinking Water from DoD Facilities In California
2. Elaboration on the Prioritization Protocol for Perchlorate Impacts
3. Action Plan for Follow-Up Activity