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Re: Department of Defense (DoD) Consultation with EPA

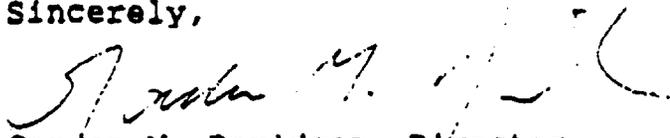
Dear Mr. Baca:

Recently, concerns have been raised within EPA regarding the number of removals DoD may be conducting without prior consultation with EPA. EPA is well aware that the number of response activities, including removal activities, conducted by the DoD has increased dramatically. It is encouraging to see the number of response actions being undertaken in an effort to improve the environment. EPA supports DoD's conducting removal actions where appropriate. Working together, EPA and DoD can help ensure that all removals are done in accordance with applicable laws.

In an attempt to enhance the lines of communication between DoD and EPA and to achieve better cleanups, I have attached to this letter a copy of EPA guidance dated February 28, 1989 entitled "Notice of Environmental Restoration Activities at Department of Defense Facilities." You may be well aware of this document, but I am bringing it to your attention in order to stress how important coordination is to EPA. Based on past experience, I believe that DoD deems coordination to be just as important. Based on this belief, I request that we meet in the near future to discuss coordination of removal actions.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please call me at (302) 260-9801. Thank you in advance for cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,



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