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Subj: INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM

1. Background. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 (Amended in 1986) which created the "Superfund", and EPA has oversight for cleanup of uncontrolled and abandoned past hazardous waste disposal sites. The Act was amended by the Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), which addressed Federal Facilities specifically and established the DoD Installation Restoration Program. SARA established the Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA). The fund is managed by CNO and executed by NAVFACENCOM for the Navy and the Marine Corps.

The Installation Restoration Program (IR) was established to assess and cleanup past hazardous waste sites. It is managed by OASD (Environment) at DoD level and CNO at DoN level, and is funded by DERA. There are three major steps for site cleanup:

a. Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI) consists of record searches and interviews to determine if/where old disposal sites exist.

b. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) consists of on-site testing and analysis. Alternative clean up methods are analyzed.

c. Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) consists of cleanup design and construction.

2. Current Status

* EPA is pushing for early remedial action due to Congressional pressure. Expedited schedules are being encouraged.

* Navy's Remedial Action Contracts (RAC) which allow "cost plus" cleanup contracting will be available by early 1992. Should expedite remedial action.

* "Cost plus" contracting (including RACS) will require increased contract surveillance.

* Concerns about drinking water safety will make routine wellhead water testing a necessity (presently only finish water testing is required).

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