

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TASK FORCE CHARTER

A. Official Designation:

Defense Environmental Response Task Force

B. Objective and Scope of Activity:

The Military Construction Appropriations Act, 1993 (Section 125, P.L. 102-380, October 5, 1992) directs that the Defense Environmental Response Task Force established under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (P.L. 101-510) be reconvened. The Task Force shall study and provide an annual report to Congress on the findings and recommendations concerning environmental restoration at military installations being closed or realigned. This Task Force will function as a DoD Federal Advisory Committee consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), the GSA Final Rule (41 CFR Part 10.6), and DoD Directive 5105.4, the DoD Federal Advisory Committee Management Program.

C. Period of Time Required:

The Defense Environmental Response Task Force shall reconvene and remain standing until the date (as determined by the Secretary of Defense) on which all base closure activities required under title II of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act (P.L. 100-526; 102 Stat. 2627) are completed.

D. Official or Sponsoring Proponent to Whom the Committee Reports:

Secretary of Defense

E. Support Agency:

The proponent official is the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) who will provide administrative support with assistance from other elements of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

F. Duties and Responsibilities:

The Task Force shall monitor the progress of relevant Federal and State agencies in implementing the reported recommendations of the task force and annually submit to the Congress a report containing --

- (A) recommendations concerning ways to expedite and improve environmental response actions at military installations (or portions of installations) that are being closed or subject to closure under such title;
- (B) any additional recommendations that the task force considers appropriate; and
- (C) a summary of the progress made by relevant Federal and State agencies in implementing the recommendations of the task force.

G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Manyears:

All task force members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the government service (5 U.S.C. 5701-5707), to the full extent funds are available. The expenses of the task force are estimated to be \$500,000 annually and shall be paid from such funds as may be available to the Secretary of Defense. Approximately half a full-time equivalent work year will be expended annually to support the Task Force.

H. Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings:

The Task Force will meet at the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of all members of the Task Force.

The Task Force shall consist of the following individuals (or their designees) described in section 2923 (c) (2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (P.L. 101-510; 104 Stat. 1821) and Section 125 of the Military Construction Appropriations Act (P.L. 102-380):

- a. The Secretary of Defense, or his designee, who shall be chairman of the task force
- b. The Attorney General
- c. The Administrator of the General Services Administration
- d. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
- e. The Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army
- f. A representative of a State environmental protection agency, appointed by the head of the National Governors Association
- g. A representative of a State attorney general's office, appointed by the head of the National Association of Attorneys General
- h. A representative of a public-interest environmental organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- i. A representative of the Urban Land Institute (or such representative's designee), appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate

I. Termination Date:

Will continue until activities mentioned in C. above are completed.

J. Date Charter is Filed: June 4, 1999