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

SUBJECT: Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans

In March 2005, Thomas Dunne, Acting Administrator for the U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) joined me in signing the Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans (UFP-QAPP), thereby formally adopting the policy for use at Federal facility hazardous waste sites. Recently, EPA issued a directive and guidance for EPA Regions to require use of the UFP-QAPP for collection of data at Federal facility hazardous waste sites involving CERCLA, RCRA, and Brownfields type projects. The purpose of this memorandum is to request that Components begin immediate implementation of the policy.

The UFP-QAPP provides project-level guidance for implementing the systematic planning process for environmental data collection, based on the American National Standard ANSI/ASQ E4-2004. It is the product of an extensive, collaborative effort involving EPA, DoD and DOE personnel. Although originally written for hazardous waste programs at federal facilities, it provides guidance suitable for a wide range of environmental data collection activities (e.g. compliance monitoring), and I encourage its use for those purposes.

The UFP-QAPP and associated support tools are available at www.epa.gov/fedfac/documents/qualityassurance.htm. For training course information or technical matters, please contact your Environmental Data Quality Workgroup (EDQW) representative, or Mr. Edward Hartzog, EDQW Chair, in the Navy Laboratory Quality and Accreditation Office, (843) 764-7337, email: hartzogEB@navsea.navy.mil. My office's point of contact is Mr. Ed Miller, (703) 604-1765, email: edmund.miller@osd.mil.

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