



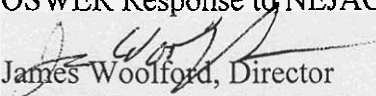
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OFFICE OF
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RESPONSE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OSWER Response to NEJAC Report on Federal Facilities

FROM: 
James Woolford, Director
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TO: Barry Hill, Director
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In 2000, the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (NEJAC) established a task force to examine environmental justice concerns at Federal facilities undergoing hazardous waste cleanup work. The Task Force's Report was provided to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) in the May 2005. My Office was assigned the lead in responding to the Report.

Since receipt of the Report, we have worked directly with the three EPA Regions (4, 6 and 10) that had Federal facilities that served as the "case studies" for the Report. We have also reached out to the Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Defense (DoD) in formulating our response. We have forwarded the Report to the Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for their consideration.

Attached is OSWER's planned response to the Report's recommendations. It also includes planned EPA regional actions. Both my Office and the EPA Regional Offices are already taking steps to implement our plan. It should be noted there are recommendations in the Report that go well beyond the scope of our Program or the Agency such as providing compensation for perceived harm from Federal facility hazardous waste releases. We are not in a position to respond to those recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-603-9089.

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