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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS,
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INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY)
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES FORCES, JAPAN
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES FORCES, KOREA


SUBJECT: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Data Call for Installations Outside the United States

The Secretary of Defense created a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Task Force to manage growing health concerns over releases of these substances, and the effects on military installations and their surrounding communities. To support the Department's efforts, we need the Department of Defense Lead Environmental Components (LECs) to provide information on host nation standards and any Final Governing Standard language related to PFAS. This information will enable the Department to understand environmental requirements outside the United States and determine if changes in policy are necessary.

Therefore, I am requesting each of the LECs (Attachment 1) use the attached template (Attachment 2) to respond to questions that address the following topics as they relate to PFAS:

- Final Governing Standards language,
- Current and evolving host nation standards and guidelines,
- Host nations sampling, and
- Concerns and/or issues.

The completed template is due to my office by February 14, 2020. We will incorporate this reporting into the Environmental Management Review process and evaluate the requirement annually to ensure we continue collecting the appropriate data. My point of contact for this action is Lt Col Chad Gemeinhardt, at 572-372-6889 or chad.a.gemeinhardt.mil@mail.mil.


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Attachments:
As stated

CC:

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