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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your March 6, 2019 letter to the Acting Secretary of Defense requesting a list of installations where the Department of Defense (DoD) has diverted or plans to divert funds from non Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) cleanup sites to address PFAS cleanup efforts. I am responding on his behalf.

DoD takes its cleanup responsibility seriously and undertakes these actions in an open and transparent manner. Our priority is to quickly address the presence of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanic acid (PFOA) in drinking water that resulted from DoD activities. DoD addresses PFOS and PFOA following the longstanding Federal cleanup statute, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

Thanks to funding appropriated to the Environmental Restoration Account and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Account for FY 2018 and 2019, the Army and Navy have been able to address these emerging requirements without diverting funds from cleanup of non-PFOS/PFOA sites. These DoD Components are able to address PFOS/PFOA while continuing to execute other cleanup program requirements.

However, the Air Force BRAC has diverted \$66.6 million from originally planned non-PFOS/PFOA cleanup projects to PFOS/PFOA efforts. As requested, enclosed is the list of cleanup projects, by installation, where funding was diverted and the list of PFOS/PFOA projects these funds will support.

The Department will continue programming for future PFOS/PFOA related requirements during the upcoming budget cycles. We greatly appreciate your continuing support of the men and women in the DoD. An identical letter has been sent to the other signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Lord

Enclosures:
As stated

Deferred Projects

Projects that have been deferred in order to fund Higher Priority PFOS/PFOA		
Installation	Description	Amount
Bergstrom	Munitions Response Investigation and Soil Removal	\$1,977,442
Brooks	Groundwater Cleanup Monitoring to address VOCs	\$207,508
Buckley Annex	Removal of Contaminated Soil	\$585,062
Castle	Groundwater Sampling and Well Installation	\$514,573
Chanute	Munitions Response Investigation and Soil Removal; Asbestos Abatement	\$1,449,057
Eaker	Installation of Pump and Treat Cleanup System and Munitions Response Investigation	\$4,093,323
Galena	Landfill Cap Repair and Soil Investigation and Remediation	\$37,219,217
General Mitchell	Underground Storage Tank Closure Documentation	\$762,424
George	Munitions Response Investigation and Clearance; Soil VOC Investigation	\$1,231,934
Loring	Site Investigation at Wildlife Refuge area and Vapor Intrusion Mitigation	\$694,482
McClellan	Radiological Cleanup	\$8,603,956
Richards-Gebaur	Groundwater Cleanup Monitoring to address VOCs	\$272,073
Williams	Munitions Response Investigation and Removal; Groundwater Bioremediation to address VOC Contamination	\$2,873,726
Wurtsmith	Groundwater Bioremediation Injections and Landfill Cap Repair	\$4,516,260
Brooks	Inspections of Land Use Controls	\$40,769
Carswell	Inspections of Land Use Controls	\$24,124
Gentile	Inspections of Land Use Controls and Five Year Review	\$93,383
Grissom	Groundwater Monitoring	\$460,417
Homestead	Groundwater Monitoring for VOCs to Ensure Long-Term Protectiveness of Remedy	\$116,147
K.I. Sawyer	Inspections of Land Use Controls and Five Year Review	\$118,799
Kelly	RCRA Permit and Compliance Groundwater Monitoring for VOCs, PCBs, and Pesticides	\$232,520
Loring	Groundwater Monitoring for VOCs	\$284,436
Newark	Inspections of Land Use Controls	\$28,639
O'Hare	Inspections of Land Use Controls	\$27,665
Pease	Groundwater Bioremediation Injections to address VOC Contamination	\$138,185
Reese	Inspections of Land Use Controls	\$38,087
Total		\$66,604,206

PFOS/PFOA paid by deferred projects

Installation	Description	Project Type	Amount
16 BRAC Instalations	Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection/ Supplemental SI	Investigation	\$24,100,000
Pease	Construction of Drinking Water Treatment System to Protect Private Home Wells	Mitigation	\$7,822,247
Pease	Construction Groundwater Treatment System to Protect Haven, Smith, and Harrison Public Supply Wells from Further Contamination	Mitigation	\$12,654,865
Pease	Fund Portsmouth, NH for the Design and Construction of Treatment System at Smith, Harrison, and Haven Public Supply Wells	Mitigation	\$14,716,196
March	Additional Design and Construction Cost for Drinking Water Treatment System at Public Supply Well and Water Reimbursement	Mitigation	\$6,392,261
Wurtsmith	Operation and Maintenance of Central Treatment Plant	Mitigation	\$918,637
Total			\$66,604,206