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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (INSTALLATIONS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT)

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (INSTALLATIONS, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY)

DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT)

SUBJECT: Temporary Prohibition on Incineration of Materials Containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Section 343 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires DoD to prohibit the incineration of DoD PFAS materials after April 26, 2022, until DoD issues guidance implementing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) interim guidance on the destruction and disposal of PFAS, and section 330 of the FY 2020 NDAA. DoD is in the final stages of issuing this guidance and expects to finalize and issue that guidance in the near future.

Because DoD has not yet finalized the guidance required under Section 343, DoD Components must immediately discontinue contracting activities for the incineration of any PFAS material, including Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) concentrate, rinsate, and water mixture, and including any PFAS-containing media recovered during DoD's cleanup processes. Contracting activities subject to this temporary prohibition include issuances of new contracts and issuance of task orders on existing contracts.

DoD will lift this temporary prohibition upon issuance of guidance documents that comply with Section 343 of the FY 2022 NDAA. The point of contact for this guidance is

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