PER-AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

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IMPROVING COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY RELATIONS THROUGH RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARDS (RABS)

- Reviewing current RAB practices to identify best practices/lessons learned
  - Develop tools and guidance to improve effectiveness of RAB meetings, promote more public participation,
- Revising/augmenting RAB handbook to standardize expectations of RABs and establish consistency in the quality and level of information provided.
- Developing training to improve and establish expectations for communication and community involvement in RABs
- Identifying mechanisms to improve communication to impacted communities based on public feedback
PFAS TASK FORCE: DOD INITIATIVES FOR INCREASED PUBLIC OUTREACH & TRANSPARENCY

AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR EXISTING RABS

- RAB training for members & in-house assistance to discuss technical issues
- **Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)**
  - Provides communities with independent technical assistance to improve the public’s understanding of the scientific and engineering issues underlying environmental cleanup activities
  - DoD and TAPP applicants must comply with eligibility requirements for TAPP funding (Part 203, Section 2705, Title 10, United States Code)
    - The RAB must agree and certify by majority to apply for TAPP
    - DoD reviews the submitted TAPP project to ensure eligibility
  - Funding can be used for support with activities such as interpreting technical documents, assessing technologies, or participating in relative risk evaluations for specific sites
PFAS TASK FORCE: EXPANDING PFAS-RELATED PUBLIC OUTREACH

NEW PFAS WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

- New website to include PFAS data in a more user-friendly format
- Data to be comprehensive and searchable
- Analyze data representation to better communicate PFAS status and results
- Develop interactive map
- Focus on making PFAS information and status of DoD efforts be more easily understandable to the public
PFAS TASK FORCE: PROGRESS UPDATE – NDAA REQUIREMENTS

FY2020 NDAA:
- Sec. 329 - Prohibition on PFAS in MRE food packaging.

FY2022 NDAA:
- Sec. 341 – Requires quarterly reports on PFAS Task Force activities. (Due Jun 30)
- Sec. 343 – Requires DoD to halt incineration unless DoD issues disposal guidance.
- Sec. 345 – Requires posting of DoD drinking water data.
- Sec. 349 – Requires report on the status of efforts to remediate PFAS at 50 specific locations. (Due Jun 30)

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE FY2022 APPROPRIATIONS ACT:
- Spend plans for the additional $236M for PFAS cleanup. (Due May 15)