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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND  
READINESS  
COMMANDER, U.S. AFRICA COMMAND  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (ENERGY,  
INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT)  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY  
CHIEF, BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
COMMANDER, CAMP LEMONNIER, DJIBOUTI  
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Audit of the DoD's Management of Air Quality Issues at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti  
(Project No. D2023-D000RJ-0155.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject audit in October 2023. We are conducting this audit in response to allegations made to the DoD Hotline.

The objective of this audit is to determine whether the DoD conducted risk assessments of airborne toxins at Camp Lemonnier and effectively implemented steps to mitigate identified toxins according to DoD policy. We may revise the objective as the audit proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this audit in accordance with the Government Accountability Office's generally accepted government auditing standards.

We will perform the audit at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of the DoD and the Navy's environmental and occupational health standards. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [audrgo@dodig.mil](mailto:audrgo@dodig.mil).

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013, as amended. Our website is [www.dodig.mil](http://www.dodig.mil).

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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