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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND
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COMMANDER, U.S. AFRICA COMMAND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ENERGY,
INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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SUBJECT: Audit of Air Quality Concerns at Chabelley Airfield, Djibouti
(Project No. D2025-D000RJ-0083.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we are initiating the subject audit. We are conducting this audit in response to allegations made to the DoD Hotline. The objective of this audit is to assess the effectiveness of Air Force and the U.S. Africa Command's plans to mitigate air quality issues at Chabelley Airfield, Djibouti. 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 Chabelley Airfield and Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. We may identify additional locations during the audit.

We request that you designate two points of contact for this audit within **5 days** of this memorandum. One point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—who is knowledgeable of occupational and environmental health management at Chabelley Airfield. The second point of contact should be a member of the Senior Executive Service or a General/Flag Officer who is familiar with U.S. Africa Command occupational and environmental health standards and could serve as a point of engagement with DoD Office of Inspector General senior leaders, if necessary. Send each contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [REDACTED].

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, "DoD Office of Inspector General Access to Records and Information," November 13, 2024. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]
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