



Executive Summary

Each year, the Department of Defense (DoD) submits an Annual Report to Congress on its Defense Environmental Programs (DEP), pursuant to §2706 of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) and §§9620(e)(5) and 9621(c) of title 42, U.S.C. This report discusses how the Department's environmental programs—Conservation, Restoration, Compliance, and Pollution Prevention—have utilized Congressional funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, as well as details accomplishments and outlines future plans for fulfilling commitments to protect human health and the environment.

Over the past 10 years, DoD has invested almost \$41.9 billion to ensure the success of its environmental programs. In FY2007 alone, DoD obligated approximately \$3.7 billion for the four environmental programs—\$299.6 million for conservation; \$1.4 billion for environmental restoration activities at active installations and formerly used defense sites; \$1.4 billion for compliance; and \$130.2 million for pollution prevention. DoD also obligated \$492.7 million for environmental restoration and closure-related compliance requirements at BRAC installations, including those identified for closure under BRAC 2005.

As detailed in the report, DoD made significant progress in its environmental programs in FY2007:

- ▶ DoD's Conservation Program allows the Department to identify and manage its rich collection of wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural landmarks, and archaeological and sacred sites while protecting access to the land, sea, and airspace necessary for realistic testing and training exercises. Conservation sections of this report address the requirements of §2706(b) of title 10, U.S.C.; E.O. 13287; and the Legacy Public Resource Management Program. By the end of FY2007, DoD revised or reviewed 91 percent of its natural resource management plans. DoD also entered into cooperative agreements with three new Native American tribes—the Native Village of Atka, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and the Chilkoot Indian Association.

- ▶ DoD's Defense Environmental Restoration Program allows the Department to ensure safe environments for its operators, troops, and managers by restoring the environmental condition of its current and former properties that may have been impacted from past defense activities. The Restoration portions of this report satisfy §2706(a) of title 10, U.S.C.; §9621(e)(5) and §9621(c) of title 42, U.S.C.; sections of the FY2002 Military Construction Appropriations Act; and §314 of the FY2007 National Defense Authorization Act. In FY2007 alone, DoD met Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act cleanup requirements at 896 sites at current and former defense properties.

- ▶ DoD's Compliance Program allows the Department to protect valuable resources for military training and operations by complying with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. Compliance sections of this report satisfy §2706(b) of title 10, U.S.C.; and §325 of the FY1996 National Defense Authorization Act. In FY2007, DoD continued to experience consecutive declines in the number of open enforcement actions, new enforcement actions, and the amount of fines assessed since FY2005.

- ▶ DoD's Pollution Prevention Program allows the Department to limit the exposure of military personnel to hazardous wastes by reducing the use of harmful materials and ensuring its activities do not adversely impact the nation's air, water, and land resources. Pollution Prevention sections of this report fulfill the requirements of E.O. 13101, E.O. 13148, the FY2003 Defense Appropriations Act, and §6002 of the Resource Conservation Recovery Act. DoD produced a cost savings of over \$180 million in FY2007 by employing integrated solid waste management practices and diverting 60 percent of the amount of solid waste entering landfills.

Across the nation, in every state, DoD is proud of the progress and successes of its environmental programs, as reflected in the FY2007 DEP Annual Report to Congress.