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Environmental Restoration Program Transparency – First and Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Execution Briefing

Briefing for the Congressional Defense Committees pursuant to Senate
Report 119-52, page 45, accompanying S. 2572, the Department of
Defense Appropriations Act, 2026

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approximately \$220 for Fiscal Year 2026. This includes \$92 in expenses and
\$130 in DoW labor.

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Purpose

- Senate Report 119-52, page 45, accompanying S. 2572, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026, requests the Secretary of War to continue to provide the congressional defense committees with quarterly budget execution data for the Department of Defense and the military services' Environmental Restoration Accounts (ERAs).

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DoW's Cleanup Program

- The Department of War (DoW) is taking cleanup actions to address environmental releases from DoW activities nationwide.
- DoW's cleanup program follows the federal cleanup law (i.e., the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 [CERCLA], also known as "Superfund") to address DoW releases and determine the appropriate cleanup actions based on risk.

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Fiscal Year 2026 ERA Budget Execution

- In the first quarter of FY 2026, the DoW Components obligated \$44.0 million in ERA funding to address DoW releases.
- In the second quarter of FY 2026, the DoW Components obligated \$263.5 million in ERA funding to address DoW releases.
- Through the second quarter of FY 2026, the DoW Components obligated \$307.5 million in ERA funding to address DoW releases.
- The table below provides the total ERA obligations for the Department, as well as the obligations by appropriation and execution account.

FY 2026 ERA Budget Execution

Appropriation Account Title	Execution Account Title	FY 2026 1 st Quarter Obligations	FY 2026 2 nd Quarter Obligations	Total FY 2026 1 st and 2 nd Quarter Obligations
Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Army	Operation and Maintenance, Army	4,926,932	47,835,232	52,762,165
Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Navy	Operation and Maintenance, Navy	9,217,000	76,338,000	85,555,000
Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Air Force	Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	13,130,745	96,673,119	109,803,864
Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Defense	Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide ¹	-	1,307,393	1,307,393
Defense Environmental Restoration Account, Defense	Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide ²	-	1,117,510	1,117,510
Formerly Used Defense Sites	Operation and Maintenance, Army	16,745,862	40,211,349	56,957,211
Grand Total Defense Environmental Restoration Program³		44,020,540	263,482,603	307,503,143

Footnotes:

1/ Defense Logistics Agency

2/ Office of the Secretary of War

3/ Numbers may not add due to rounding

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Conclusion

- DoW is committed to protecting human health and the environment and is taking action under CERCLA to address environmental releases from DoW activities nationwide.
- Through the second quarter of FY 2026, the DoW Components obligated \$307.5 million in ERA funding – \$44.0 million in the first quarter and \$263.5 million in the second quarter – to address these releases.

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