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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY,  
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SUBJECT: Chemical and Biological Defense Program Environmental Impact Statement

References: (a) Biological Defense Modernization Program Environmental Analysis,  
July 15, 1998

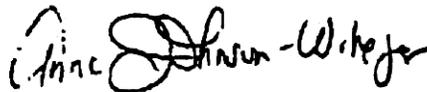
(b) Biological Defense Research Program Final Programmatic  
Environmental Impact Statement, April 1989

In reference (a), my predecessor restated the Army's executive agency status for the Department of Defense (DoD) biological defense research, development, and acquisition program and tasked the Army to assess and document the potential impacts of the program. The bases for the analysis were that reference (b) was out of date and the scope of the analysis needed to be expanded to include production, distribution, and disposal. Although the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) initiated preliminary efforts in satisfaction of this requirement with the goal of completing an environmental assessment (EA) of the biological defense program, the project stalled when my predecessor in this position retired. Earlier this year, I was briefed on this situation, and I subsequently chaired a number of meetings to determine the best way forward.

After much deliberation I have decided that not only should the project continue, but also that the scope of the effort should be further expanded to cover the DoD's chemical defense program. It was also determined during this time that an environmental impact statement (EIS) of the chemical and biological defense program (CBDP) would be a more appropriate and efficient way of addressing any environmental concerns surrounding the CBDP.

I view this as a critical endeavor for the continued execution of the DoD CBDP, and the continued support of the Department of the Army in its accomplishment is much appreciated. I intend to actively monitor EIS progress by holding in-process reviews on a regular basis. To harness all available efficiencies from the current project, I would prefer that USAMRMC execute the expanded project as a follow-on to the previous efforts.

The success of this project will depend on the active participation and cooperation of all DoD components involved in the DoD CDBP. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to coordinate with and task these DoD components to support this project. Do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. My POC for this action is Mr. Patrick Wakefield, who may be reached at 703-695-9488 or by e-mail at [wakefip@acq.osd.mil](mailto:wakefip@acq.osd.mil).

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