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OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mr. Michael Glaab Picatinny Arsenal 1 Springbrook Terrace Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

Dear Mr. Glaab:

I would like to invite you to participate in the Federal Facility Cleanup Dialogue (Dialogue) on October 20, 2010, hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. The purpose of the Dialogue is to provide an opportunity for an array of diverse stakeholders to discuss the progress, achievements and challenges surrounding the cleanup of federally-owned contaminated sites. Dialogue objectives include fostering effective communication among stakeholders, discussing and prioritizing challenges of federal cleanups, and establishing potential next steps for addressing the future challenges of federal facility site cleanups. Because of your expertise related to federal facility cleanup, we are inviting you to attend the Dialogue in order to present your views and experiences. We look forward to consulting with you and other participants about the various aspects of the federal facility cleanup program and its future direction.

The Dialogue is a two-day event that will be held October 20-21, 2010, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. Due to the difference in the nature of challenges faced at Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Defense (DOD) sites, compared with those at Department of Interior (DOI) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) sites, we will hold two meetings to more fully address these challenges. The October 20th meeting will focus on issues relevant to DOE and DOD sites, while October 21st will focus on issues pertaining to DOI and USDA sites. Based on your expertise and involvement, we are inviting you to attend Day 1 on October 20, 2010.

Meeting participants are invited to informal gatherings at the Washington Plaza Hotel on the evenings prior to the meeting dates. For those attending the October 20 meeting, there will be registration and an informal social event from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 19. For those attending the October 21 meeting, there will be registration and an informal social event from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 20.

To register for this event, please go to http://trainex.org/FederalFacilityDialogue, the registration website. This website has important information about the meeting, hotel and travel logistics. EPA will pay travel costs for non-federal government participants. If you require EPA

to pay for your travel, please complete the travel forms on the website and send by email to FFCD@sra.com or by fax to (703) 603-0043. This information will be used to book your travel and hotel room. The website provides information on federal per diem and reimbursable expenses, as well as the reimbursement process. We are requesting that you register and submit your travel forms as soon as possible. If you do not have computer access, please contact Marie Bell at (703) 603-0050 or Kristen Reed at (703) 603-0047 for assistance with your travel arrangements.

A Planning Committee made up of diverse stakeholders has assisted my staff in diligently preparing for the Dialogue to ensure a fruitful discussion. I am grateful for the leadership this group has provided. In preparation for the Dialogue, my staff will be sending out background material, issue papers and a draft agenda at least one week in advance of the Dialogue to put forward key topics and lay the groundwork for thoughtful discussions.

I sincerely hope that you are able to participate. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-566-0200 or Gail Cooper at 703-603-0049.

Sincerely,

Mathy Stanislaus

Assistant Administrator