MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Decision Document - Approval to Commence Removal Action at Kwajalein Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants (POL) Yard

1. In accordance with the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site (USAKA/RTS) Environmental Standards (UES) § 3-6.5.8(g), the draft version of the attached Final Removal Action Memorandum (RAM) for the proposed free product recovery of petroleum floating on the groundwater under the Kwajalein POL Yard was prepared and issued for public comment in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) during April/May 2012. Advertisements were placed in the Marshall Islands Journal on 27 April 2012, and the Kwajalein Hourglass on 5 May 2012, announcing the availability of the documents and the public comment period through 30 May 2012. The RAM, along with a fact sheet in Marshallese and English, were placed in the lobby of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority (RMI EPA) and in libraries on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur within USAKA/RTS. The RAM and fact sheets were also posted on the internet at www.usakacleanup.info. No comments were received during the comment period.

2. In accordance with the U.S. Army Compliance-Related Cleanup Policy Guidance dated April 2008, the Installation Commander is authorized to sign decision documents for removal actions in the Compliance Cleanup Program for actions not exceeding $2 million. The proposed removal of petroleum free product at the Kwajalein POL Yard is estimated to cost $950,000. Actions above $500,000 require legal review. The funding source is the USAKA Compliance Cleanup Program and funds have been obligated to contract DASG60-03-C-0081 to perform the effort.

3. The selected remedy is the installation of bioslurping wells to remove free product from the groundwater table. Bioslurp wells will be operated until less than 0.05 feet of product exist in all wells or the end of the period of performance on the contract, whichever comes first. Bioslurp wells may be cycled on and off if diminishing returns are reached to allow for rebound of the hydrogeologic system. The funding source is the USAKA Compliance Cleanup Program and funds have been obligated to contract DASG60-03-C-0081 to perform the effort. The period of performance on the action is through 15 April 2013. Remaining contamination will be addressed under the final remedial action to be determined.
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4. Therefore, by the authority granted to Installation Commanders under the Compliance Cleanup Program, I authorize the removal action to proceed as planned under UES § 3-6.5.8(h).

5. The point of contact for this effort is Mr. Glen Shonkwiler, Environmental Engineer, who can be reached at glen.d.shonkwiler.civ@mail.mil by email or (256) 955-2190 by phone.

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1. Kwajalein RAM, July 2012
2. Kwajalein Site Fact Sheet, English Version
3. Kwajalein Site Fact Sheet, Marshallese Version
4. Proof of Advertisement, Marshall Islands Journal
5. Proof of Advertisement, Kwajalein Hourglass

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