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Dear Mr. Foster and Mr. Woods,

This letter outlines recommended extensions for key documents in the remediation process for the Main Installation, Operable Units 2, 3 & 4, which are crucial for ensuring the success of our remediation efforts.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognizes the pivotal roles both of you play in managing the complex and critical remediation activities at the Defense Depot Memphis Tennessee (DDMT). Your leadership and expertise are essential in navigating the intricate processes involved in environmental remediation, ensuring that all actions taken are in line with federal guidelines and best practices. The Focused Feasibility Study (FFS), Revised Proposed Plan, and Record of Decision (ROD) Addendum are primary documents that form the backbone of the remediation strategy at DDMT.

This extension will allow for a thorough review and integration of recent findings and improvements to the presumptive remedy, facilitating a collaborative approach to site management that prioritizes public health and environmental integrity.

1. Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) - Final: Recommended Deadline: November 28, 2025

Recommendation: Extend the deadline to allow for necessary improvements to the remedy as part of the Record of Decision (ROD) Addendum process. The Lead Agency has recently made progress in cooperating on these enhancements, which is commendable. This extension will ensure the FFS is robust and effectively supports the new remedy, in compliance with the FFA's stipulations for site characterization and remedial planning.

2. Revised Proposed Plan - Final: Recommended Deadline: April 28, 2026

Recommendation: Extend to address identified issues with the remedy in the FFS. Once the FFS is finalized, the Lead Agency must issue responses to prior EPA comments. This extension will facilitate a comprehensive review and integration of feedback, ensuring the plan aligns with the improved remedy and meets FFA requirements.

3. Proposed Plan Public Comment Period: *Begin: April 30, 2026 - Finish: June 2, 2026*

Recommendation: Extend to comply with the DDMT Site Federal Facility Agreement, which requires a minimum 45-day public comment period. This extension will provide ample time for public engagement and feedback, ensuring transparency and public involvement as mandated by the FFA.

4. Record of Decision (ROD) Addendum - Draft: Recommended Deadline: June 12, 2026

Recommendation: Extend to ensure all necessary amendments and improvements are thoroughly documented, supporting the long-term protectiveness of the site in line with FFA provisions.

5. Record of Decision (ROD) Addendum - Final: Recommended Deadline: December 12, 2026

Recommendation: Extend to allow for comprehensive integration of all feedback, ensuring the ROD Addendum reflects all amendments and complies with EPA standards and FFA requirements.

These extensions are essential for maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the remediation efforts at DDMT. As primary documents, their thorough preparation and review are vital to achieving our shared environmental and public health goals. We appreciate the commitment to environmental stewardship shown by both the Army and the Tennessee Division of Remediation and look forward continuing our collaboration to ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the remediation efforts.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact me via email at martinez-torres.fernando@epa.gov or at 404-695-4991.

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