

## **Overview of Challenges and Opportunities – A DoD Perspective**

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Ms. Morefield will present an overview of the Department of Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Installation Restoration Program (IRP) status related to goals, costs, and challenges. After over 30 years, the Department of Defense has achieved Response Complete (RC) at 78 percent of its IRP sites (as of the end of Fiscal Year 2011). However, over 4,500 sites, many with complex cleanup requirements, have yet to achieve RC. Many of these sites must meet technically-infeasible cleanup levels, have ineffective and/or costly treatment systems in place, and/or require long-term management activities for decades into the future.

With numerous studies conducted on these technical challenges over the past decade, a newly published report by the National Research Council, and a constrained budget environment, federal agencies must continue to discuss ways to implement recommendations from these studies in order to achieve the highest returns. Ms. Morefield will present the DoD perspective on opportunities to addressing the challenges faced in completing cleanup and closing out the remaining IRP sites.