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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Public Review of the Draft “Results-Based Approaches to Corrective Action Guidance”

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TO: RCRA Corrective Action Stakeholders

The first two sections of the draft Results-Based Approaches to Corrective Action Guidance are now available for public comment. You can find this guidance at <http://www.epa.gov/correctiveaction>. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please call the RCRA Hotline at 800-424-9346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired).

This guidance is part of the RCRA Cleanup Reforms that EPA announced on July 8, 1999. In fact the Reforms highlighted this guidance as one of the key elements in changing the culture of the RCRA Corrective Action Program.

EPA is releasing this guidance so EPA and State regulators and owner/operators will understand and routinely incorporate results-based approaches where appropriate into their cleanups. Results-based approaches are intended to help project managers and owner/operators more efficiently identify releases of hazardous constituents and risks, and increase the pace of facility cleanup. These approaches encourage technical and administrative innovation to achieve environmentally protective cleanups on a facility-specific basis.

This guidance will take the form of an overview and a series of supporting documents. The “Overview” and “Tailored Oversight” sections are now available for public review. The “Results-Based Approaches to Corrective Action: Overview” defines results-based corrective action and lists some of the approaches recommended to help stakeholders achieve program goals. These approaches include tailored oversight, procedural flexibility, holistic approach, presumptive remedies, performance standards, use of innovative technologies, targeted data collection, and facility-lead corrective action. The first available supporting document, “Results-Based Approaches to Corrective Action: Tailored Oversight,” focuses on implementing tailored oversight. It provides a recommended framework for

project managers and owner/operators to develop an oversight plan tailored to facility-specific conditions. EPA plans to issue future supporting documents that deal with other results-based approaches.

While all comments on the Handbook are welcome and appreciated, provided below are several suggestions to help focus your review:

Overview Section:

Identify questions and/or answers you believe should be added, deleted, or modified. Be sure to let us know if you believe that an existing question or answer is not clear.

Indicate any additional results-based approaches, if any, that you believe should be included in the document.

Please prioritize those results-based approaches that you would like to see addressed in future guidances.

Tailored Oversight Section:

Identify questions and/or answers you believe should be added, deleted, or modified. Be sure to let us know if you believe that an existing question or answer is not clear.

Indicate other additional sources of information that you feel would benefit you as a program manager or owner/operator and should be included.

Information about this Handbook and other efforts associated with the RCRA Cleanup Reforms can be found in a September X, 2000 Federal Register notice by clicking the highlight “Results-Based Approaches to Corrective Action Guidance” at <http://www.epa.gov/correctiveaction>. Please follow the instructions outlined in that Federal Register notice for submitting comments on this guidance. **The official 60 day comment period for this guidance starts on September 28, 2000 and ends on November 27, 2000.**

For more detailed information on specific aspects pertaining to this guidance, contact Andrew Baca at 703/308-6787 (baca.andrew@epa.gov).

Thank you very much for your time and effort in conducting your review and submitting comments.

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