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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL  
HEALTH), 110 ARMY PENTAGON, WASHINGTON,  
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SUBJECT: Elimination of Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS) from Weapon  
Systems and Industrial Processes

The continued dependency of the Army on ODS is a readiness issue requiring acquisition and logistics management, and technology solutions. The objective of the Army ODS Elimination Program--endorsed in November 1995 by the Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition and the Assistant Secretary for Installations, Logistics and Environment--is to end our dependence on ODS used in equipment and processes so that production phase-outs cause minimal impact to the mission and readiness of our soldiers and materiel. This Secretariat has the responsibility to remove ODS from Army weapon systems and industrial processes. An even greater responsibility is to maintain the operational readiness of these systems until their ODS use is retrofit or they are retired. To that end, this office manages the Army Reserve of ODS.

The effective management of ODS use by Army weapon systems requires we monitor national and international laws and regulations where they might restrict the continued use of ODS for these systems and processes. As the ASA(ALT) representative, we must continue to sit in forums that address specific ODS issues. These include but are not limited to meetings that discuss Department of Defense (DoD) implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency and European Union ODS laws and regulations, and the DoD ODS Services Steering Committee. This is our responsibility, and we will advise the DASA(ESOH) where impending policy may have a negative impact on the continued use of Army materiel.

We will continue to communicate with your staff on all issues involving Army policy and guidance for the elimination of ODS, as well as the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Director for Environmental Programs on all issues related to Army execution of that policy. Likewise, we

expect any changes to Army ODC policy or guidance to be fully coordinated with this office.

The Environmental Support Office (ESO) is charged with the execution of these responsibilities within this Secretariat. My ESO point of contact is Mr. George Terrell, (703) 617-9488, fax -5146, or e-mail: [gterrell@hqamc.army.mil](mailto:gterrell@hqamc.army.mil).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emily Clarke".

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