

5.0 CONCLUSION

The timely reutilization of Fast Track Cleanup locations is essential if the economic consequences to the community of losing military and civilian jobs is to be minimized. EPA provides in-house environmental expertise to streamline and accelerate the cleanup process. EPA's participation results in a more effective and economical installation restoration that will minimize the negative economic impact of military downsizing on the local community, while protecting human health and the environment. EPA will work with the DoD, states and the local community to

systematically integrate base property transfer priorities into the existing cleanup program. Through participation in the Fast Track Cleanup Program, EPA will assist in expediting the disposal and restoration of closing military bases to safe and productive use as soon as possible while fulfilling its mandate to protect human health and the environment.