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ENCOURAGING FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR INTERSTATE TECHNOLOGY AND REGULATORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, state environmental agencies are responsible for assuring public health and environmental protection and for implementing environmental regulatory programs at numerous federal facilities; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports indicate that the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Energy constitute a significant percentage of the remediation market in the United States; and

WHEREAS, states have established the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council Program (ITRC) – a unique partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Department of Energy; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, industry, and public/tribal stakeholders to increase technical capacity and streamline regulatory acceptance for new environmental technologies; and

WHEREAS, it is well documented that the use of innovative environmental technologies saves time and money, and results in better site cleanup; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the ITRC has demonstrated that their efforts benefit U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Energy sites by producing guidance streamlining the time required for regulatory review of innovative remedies, identifying new solutions to complex problems, and reducing compliance costs through the use of innovative technologies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF THE STATES:

Commends the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for long-standing support of the ITRC and encourages DOE to:

1. Streamline regulatory acceptance at cleanup sites by using ITRC guidance documents and training to achieve time and cost savings;
2. Work collaboratively with states by joining and working through ITRC teams on technical issues and supporting ITRC training for expedited quality decision making on the use of innovative technologies; and

3. Increase and expand ITRC funding to include sources that will allow ITRC to address environmental priorities in areas such as clean water, air, and energy.

Commends the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) for support of the ITRC and encourages DOD to:

1. Streamline regulatory acceptance at cleanup sites by using ITRC guidance documents and training to achieve time and cost savings;
2. Work collaboratively with states by joining and working through ITRC teams on technical issues and supporting ITRC training for expedited quality decision making on the use of innovative technologies; and
3. Increase and expand ITRC funding to include sources that will allow ITRC to address environmental priorities in areas such as clean water, air, and energy.

Commends the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for support of the ITRC and encourages U.S. EPA to:

1. Streamline and encourage the use of innovative technology at Superfund and private sector sites by encouraging the use of ITRC guidance documents;
2. Work collaboratively with states by joining and working through ITRC teams on technical issues and supporting ITRC training for expedited quality decision making on the use of innovative technologies; and
3. Increase and expand ITRC funding to include sources that will allow ITRC to address environmental priorities in areas such as clean water, air, and energy.