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PREFACE

This document summarizes the requirements and process for evaluating potential liability from environmental contamination, and will introduce readers to the larger context of environmental issues associated with real property transfers. The general guidelines set out in this document for conducting an Environmental Due Diligence Audit (EDDA) are intended for use as *baseline* guidance when acquiring, leasing, transferring, or terminating interest in any real property. Additional agency-specific policies and guidelines may apply for particular sites and situations, along with the federal, state, and local regulations.

This document was developed for the Civilian Federal Agency Task Force, Facility Closure Workgroup, under the direction of Maryalice Locke (FAA) and with the assistance of Booz•Allen & Hamilton, Incorporated. The Civilian Federal Agency Task Force provides a forum and resource leveraging opportunities for members to address the unique environmental issues of concern to civilian federal facilities. These concerns and responsibilities are particularly significant for real property transfers given that, as a group, civilian federal agencies control more land than the Department of Defense and Department of Energy combined.

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