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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2009 Status of Drug Use in the Department of Defense Personnel

The Fiscal Year 2009 Status of Drug Use in the Department of Defense (DoD) Personnel Report is attached for your review. The report is the result of almost 4.9 million military and DoD civilian drug-testing analyses performed at the six military forensic toxicology drug-testing laboratories.

Overall, DoD has maintained a positive illicit drug rate below the acceptable rate of 2 percent; however, several specific Components have exceeded the 2 percent positive rate. These Components are shown below.

- Army Active Duty, enlisted males ages 18-25
- Army National Guard, Not on Active Duty, overall
- Army National Guard, Not on Active Duty, enlisted males ages 18-25
- Army Reserve, Not on Active Duty, enlisted males ages 18-25
- Marine Corps Reserve, Not on Active Duty, enlisted males ages 18-25

While the overall DoD high-risk population (enlisted males between ages 18-25) makes up only 36 percent of the force, it accounts for 70 percent of the overall DoD positive specimens. High positive rates in the groups listed above must be addressed by the Service Component to identify and mitigate the risk inherent to this population. This office is working with the Defense Manpower Data Center to identify specific ranks, job codes, and locations where the high positive rates are occurring and will help the Services form a plan for reducing the positive rate in future years. The point of contact for this action is CAPT Kevin Klette. CAPT Klette may be reached at (703) 604-5688, or Kevin.Klette@tma.osd.mil.

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Attachment:
As stated