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TOP DOD OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION

Department of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior DoD officials are scheduled to participate in the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 29-31, 2005, at the St. Louis Convention Center.

Rumsfeld is scheduled to speak on the first day of the conference. Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment Philip W. Grone and Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Alex A. Beehler and military department environmental officials will be available for media interviews at the conference.

For more information on DoD's participation in the conference, and to schedule interviews with DoD environmental officials, media are asked to contact Air Force Maj. Susan Idziak, who can be reached at (703) 695-4780 or (703) 380-9513.

Media with valid press credentials are invited to register for the conference online <http://www.conservation.ceq.gov/media.html> . For more information on the conference agenda, access <http://www.conservation.ceq.gov/>. For all media logistics questions, contact Megan Barnett at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, (202) 456-6224. The conference media hotline can be reached at (314) 342-5700.

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