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The Honorable Chet Edwards
Chairman
Subcommittee on Military Construction,
Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Committee of the proposed reprogramming of funds for the project and amount shown below, pursuant to the Air Force Title 10 Section 2803, Emergency Construction Notification dated March 5, 2009. A detailed justification is enclosed.

<u>Service/Installation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Program</u>	<u>Reprogramming Request</u>
Department of Air Force			
Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates	Replace Expeditionary Fuel Line	-	\$6,800,000

A similar letter is being sent to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Hale

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable Zach Wamp
Ranking Member

Bid Expiration Date: Not Applicable
Military Construction, Air Force
Reprogramming Request

Installation: Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Project: Replace Expeditionary Fuel Line

Authorization: Section 2803, Title 10, United States Code

Estimated Cost (\$000):

Previously Appropriated	-
Previously Reprogrammed	-
Requested Reprogramming	6,800
Total Estimated Cost	6,800

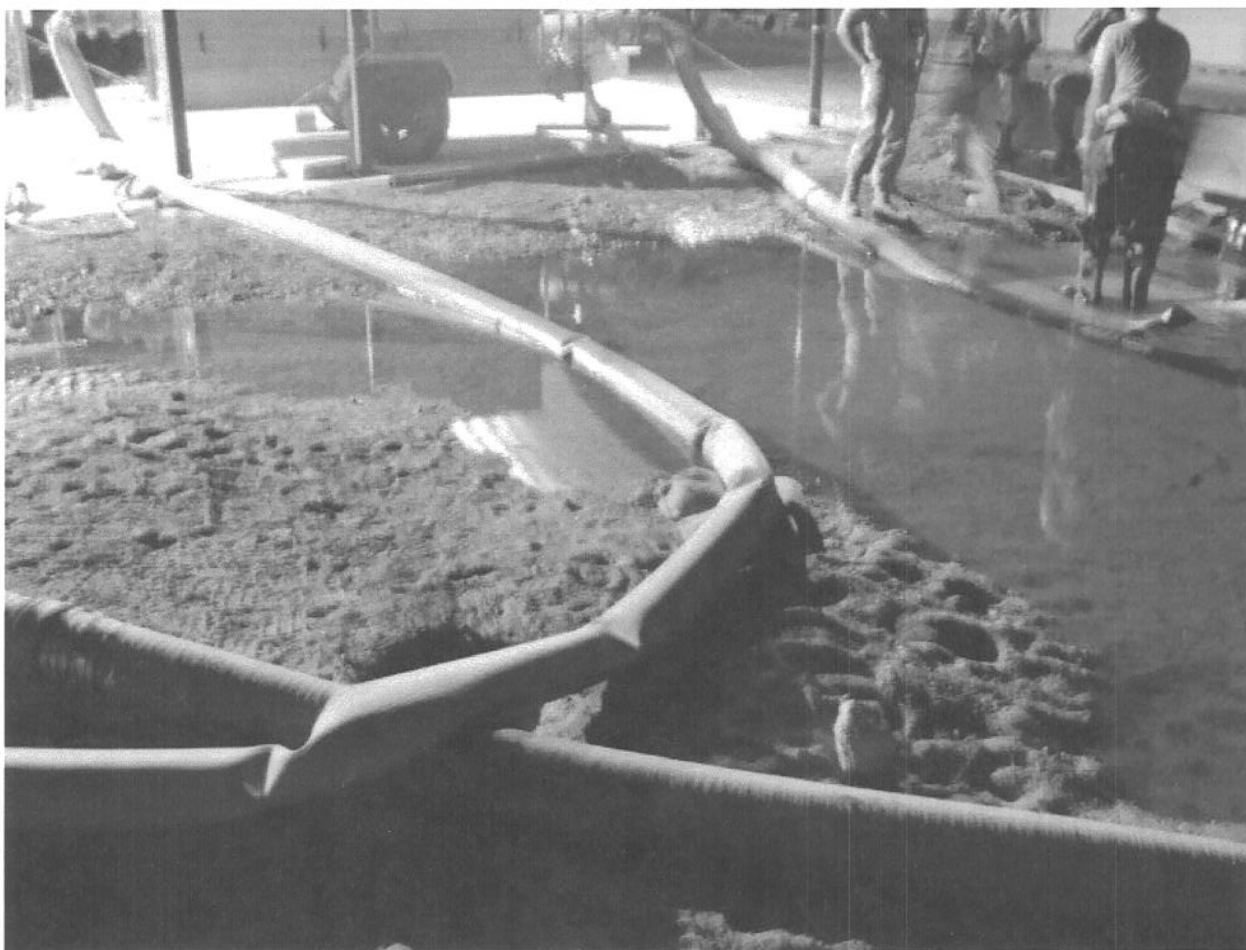
Description: This project constructs a permanent pipeline to replace the existing expeditionary fuel pipeline (approximately 2.3 miles long). The pipeline will possess corrosion control/protective coating and connect the existing fuel transfer area to the bulk storage area. The project includes all mechanical, civil, electrical, architectural design and construction work to produce a complete and useable JP-8 fuel supply.

Justification: This project has not been authorized and appropriated. The Secretary of the Air Force, however, has determined that this project is vital to the protection and safety of service members operating at Al Dhafra AB and this project cannot be deferred for inclusion in the next Military Construction Authorization Act. As indicated in the March 5, 2009 Title 10 Section 2803 Emergency Construction notification, a permanent fuel pipeline is required to replace the continually failing expeditionary fuel pipeline. A permanent steel pipeline is required to transfer JP-8 fuel from the transfer area to the bulk storage area at Al Dhafra AB and support the Daily Demand Rate (DDR) of approximately 400 - 750 thousand gallons per day. This capability is required to sustain operations in support of USCENTCOM's major air refueling hub in the AOR.

Al Dhafra AB is a critical asset used by USCENTCOM for command and control, aerial refueling, and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) air operations in support of the Overseas Contingency Operations. Efficient and effective delivery of JP-8 fuel is critical to these operations. Currently JP-8 fuel is delivered to Al Dhafra AB via trucks downloaded at the off-base fuel transfer area and pumped through the expeditionary pipeline to the bulk storage area. The expeditionary pipeline has been in place since 2003, and lies directly on the corrosive soil or under water during high rainfalls, causing a persistent state of disrepair. The current work around requires fuels

personnel to drive the entire 2.3 miles twice daily constantly monitoring for pinholes, leaks and line coupling breaks. Since August 2006, there have been 24 fuel spills related to the expeditionary fuel storage and distribution system. Complete failure of this line is a major concern and replacement of this critical asset requires immediate attention.

The following photo shows Air Force Airmen standing in fuel while working emergency repairs after a recent pipeline failure:



Source of Funds: Bid savings from the following project will fund this requirement.

(Dollars in Thousands)				
<u>Location/Project</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Current Estimate</u>	<u>Proposed Reprogramming</u>
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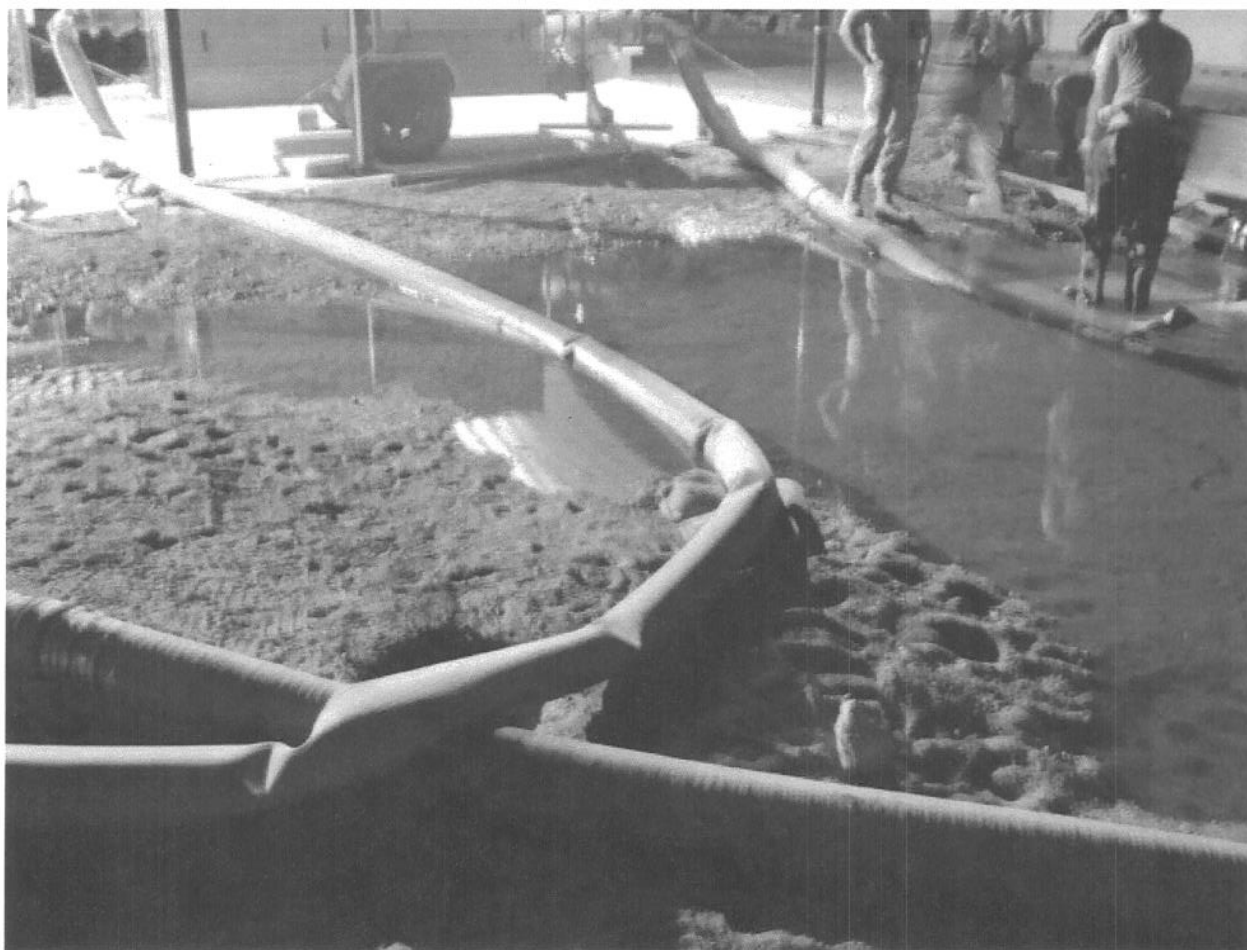
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