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## Department of Defense Environmental and Energy Research Programs Will Showcase Research and Technology Development Efforts at the Virtual Symposium

The Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) Will Present Innovative Solutions to Department of Defense Environmental Challenges at Their Virtual Symposium Nov. 29 – Dec. 3, 2021

[Alexandria, VA] The Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP), the Department of Defense's (DoD) joint environmental research programs, will hold the annual SERDP and ESTCP Symposium virtually November 29 – December 3, 2021 to share the latest research and technology efforts addressing the DoD's priority environmental and installation energy issues. Environmental researchers, technology developers, and defense end-users attend the Symposium to collaborate and facilitate technology transfer. The Symposium will have 20 technical sessions, 6 short courses, and over 400 technical posters available for viewing.

Experts from the defense, academic, commercial, and private sectors will present at the technical sessions and short courses. Topics covered will include installation energy and infrastructure resiliency; per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment efforts; unexploded ordnance (UXO) remediation; and sustainable technologies used for military operations and maintenance. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with one another at discussion-based sessions organized around broader topics of interest. For more details about all sessions and courses, <u>visit the Symposium website</u>.

Mr. Richard Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment and Energy Resilience, will provide an address at the opening plenary session of the Symposium. Following his remarks, the SERDP and ESTCP Director, Deputy Director and Program Managers will announce the Project of the Year award winners, who will each briefly share their work and accomplishments with the audience.

SERDP and ESTCP harness the latest science and technology to improve the DoD's environmental performance, reduce costs, and enhance and sustain mission capabilities. The programs respond to energy and environmental technology requirements across the military services. SERDP and ESTCP are independent DoD programs managed jointly to coordinate the full spectrum of research and development efforts, from the laboratory to field demonstration and validation.

For more information, please contact the SERDP and ESTCP program office at 571-372-6565 or visit the SERDP and ESTCP website.