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Sue Estes ME₃, L.L.C. 9631 Waldrop Drive Huntsville, AL 35803

Dear Ms. Estes:

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 requires the Secretary of Defense to prescribe regulations regarding Restoration Advisory Boards (RABs). RABs provide an opportunity for information exchange among the affected community, the Department of Defense (DOD), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state and local government; and for communities to provide input to the cleanup process. A working group comprised of representatives of the military departments and the EPA developed this proposed rule based on existing RAB policy. I have enclosed a copy of the Federal Register Publication of Restoration Advisory Boards Proposed Rule and Department of Defense Request for your individual and/or collective review.

This enclosure contains the proposed rule and solicits comments from interested parties. Comments are due by November 4, 1996. Once comments are considered, the intention is to publish a final rule for RABs in the Federal Register.

We are interested in comments from the public. Since you are a stakeholder in the program, we feel you should have a copy for information and be provided an opportunity to comment should you choose to do so. Please share this notice with others who you believe may be interested in commenting on the proposed rule. *Forward your comments to me by October 23, 1996, COB.* If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at the above address or call me at (404) 562-8530, by facsimile at (404) 562-8628.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



