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April 18, 2002

Ronald M. Levy BRAC Environmental Coordinator Environmental Office, 291 Jimmy Parks Blvd. US Army Garrison Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205

RE: ADEM Review and Concurrence: Final Site Investigation Report and Decision Document, Range 24 Lower, Parcel (81Q), dated March 22, 2002 Fort McClellan, Calhoun County, Alabama Facility ID No. AL4 210 020 562

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM or the Department) has reviewed the above referenced documents. In comparing analytical results with residential human health site-specific screening levels (SSSLs), ecological screening values (ESVs), and background concentration levels, the Department concurs with Ft. McClellan's determination that exposure to environmental media at Parcel 81Q appears to pose no potential threat to human health and the environment.

As reported by Ft. McClellan, heavy metals and nitroexplosive compounds are present at levels below SSSLs, ESVs, background levels and/or the upper background range established by Ft. McClellan in the 1998 Final Background Metals Survey Report, Fort McClellan, Alabama (SAIC).

In March 2001, upon discussion of ADEM's review comments with Ft. McClellan, the Army elected to conduct a preliminary risk analysis (PRA) to address relatively elevated selenium levels. In the ensuing PRA, Ft. McClellan concluded that exposure to environmental media at Parcel 81Q poses no unacceptable risk to the potentia recreational site user or the resident

Ft. McClellan states in the subject March 2002 submittal that the Army conducted no known live fire training activities at this range. However, this cannot be completely confirmed and there is potential for unexploded ordnance (UXO) and/or disposed ordnance and explosives (OE) to be present at the site. As a result, further investigation into UXO/OE is warranted at Parcel 81Q. The Department understands that Ft. McClellan will investigate UXO/OE issues at this site in a future submittal.

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In the February 20, 2002 Base Closure Team (BCT) meeting, Ft. McClellan recommended that this site be designated as No Further Action (NFA) with respect to hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste (HTRW). The meeting minutes issued by Ft. McClellan on March 22, 2002 indicate that the BCT preliminarily concurred with the Army's recommendation.

As discussed in the meeting and as presented by the Army in the *Final Site Investigation Report* and accompanying *Decision Document*, it appears that the defined contaminant soil concentrations at this parcel do not pose a substantial risk to potential human and ecological receptors.

For any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Philip Stroud at 334-270-5646 or via email at pns@adem.state.al.us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Stroud:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document and as agreed upon in the February 2002 Project Team Meeting considers it acceptable for approval. As ADEM considers appropriate, please transmit these comments to Fort McClellan (FTMC). If you have any questions, please call me at (404) 562-8549.

Sincerely,

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