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May 17, 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 (SI) Report and Decision Document for the Forestry Compound – Pelham Range, Parcel 84(7), Dated March 2002
Fort McClellan, Calhoun County, Alabama
Facility ID No. AL8 213 700 000

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM or the Department) has reviewed the above referenced document. The Department reviewed Fort McClellan's comparison of soil contaminant levels with established residential human health site-specific screening levels (SSSLs), ecological screening values (ESVs), and background concentration levels. Based on the data presented, the Department concurs with the content of Fort McClellan's submittal.

On October 22, 2001, the Department issued its review comments on the Draft SI Report for the Forestry Compound. At that time, ADEM noted that Arsenic levels exceeded SSSLs in soil. The base closure team (BCT) discussed the arsenic data on February 20, 2002. At that meeting, the BCT agreed that a remedial investigation (RI) did not appear necessary, but that a preliminary risk analysis (PRA) for arsenic in soils was warranted to support Fort McClellan's no further action (NFA) recommendation. Fort McClellan submitted the PRA with the March 2002 Final SI Report. In the PRA, Fort McClellan concluded that exposure to combined surface and subsurface soil poses no potential human health threat for a residential exposure scenario. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) reviewed Fort McClellan's SI Report. Based on the analytical data presented in the SI report and the PRA, proposed by Fort McClellan, the BCT indicated that an NFA designation at this site is appropriate with regard to hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW). Fort McClellan reported that CHPPM also supported its NFA recommendation, as stated in the minutes of the October 22, 2001 BCT meeting.

As you are aware, ADEM is in the process of obtaining the services of an Ordnance and Explosive/Unexploded Ordnance (OE/UXO) contractor to provide OE/UXO services to the Department. Because ADEM has not yet secured an OE/UXO contractor, ADEM will not provide comments concerning OE/UXO related activities at this time.



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As presented in Fort McClellan's *Final Site Investigation Report* and *Decision Document*, contaminant concentration levels in soil at this parcel do not appear to pose a substantial risk to potential human and ecological receptors. Thus, the Department concurs with Fort McClellan's recommendation that this site warrants no further action for HTRW.

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,

Stephen A. Cobb, Chief Hazardous Waste Branch

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SUBJ: Final Site Investigation Report and Decision Document; Forestry Compound - Pelham Range, Parcel 84(7); Fort McClellan

Dear Mr. Stroud:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document and as agreed upon in the February 2002 On Board Review 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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