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Ms. Lydia Tadesse
Contracting Officer
US Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville
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Huntsville, AL 35807

Subject: ADEM Administrative Order, Ordnance and Explosive Response at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Contract Number DACA87-99-D-0010

Dear Ms. Tadesse:

On Friday, 30 July 2004, ADEM issued an Administrative Order against Fort McClellan Transition Force; U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; and Tetra Tech FW for violations under state law concerning UXO clean up in the Charlie area. Additionally, four representatives of ADEM visited the site, requested access to Tetra Tech records from July 1, 2004 and conducted a site visit to the location of the alleged violations. Mr. Todd Biggs and Mr. Charles Doak of Tetra Tech and Mr. Ron Levy and Mr. Bill Shanks of Fort McClellan Transition Force were present during the site tour. While on site ADEM requested and was provided the following:

- 948's providing QA results
- The Task Order 20 database
- SUXOS daily log

In addition ADEM requested and was provided access to the dig sheets and dig results.

Following the site visit, we initiated an investigation into the allegations in the Administrative Order. Preliminary results of the investigation indicated that the allegations in the order are founded. Currently, the following information is known:

- On July 1, 2004 the Tetra Tech intrusive team excavated and moved fuzed practice 81 mm mortars.
- A Tetra Tech employee on the team expressed concern that this was not in accordance with procedures.
- A Tetra Tech employee called ADEM and reported the actions.

Upon learning of this information, Mr. John DeFeis, Vice President - Remediation, Mr. David Keller, UXO Manager, and Mr. Frank Jones, Sr. Vice President - Construction, all of Tetra Tech, have advised that they will be at Fort McClellan on Monday August 2, 2004 to participate in the



investigation.

An incident report fully documenting the results of the investigation will be prepared and submitted for your review. Tetra Tech neither condones nor will tolerate actions like or similar to those alleged. Tetra Tech will take any and all appropriate corrective and disciplinary actions.

Should you require additional information me at (256) 820-7904 or Mr. John DeFeis at (770) 331-4192.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "AB Holcomb".

Arthur B. Holcomb, P.E.
Project Manager

CF: Mr. David Douthat, US Army Engineering & Support Center, Huntsville
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