



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL AND MILITARY POLICE CENTERS & FORT McCLELLAN  
FORT McCLELLAN, ALABAMA 36205-5000

6 April 1998

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Directorate of Environment

SUBJECT: Federal Facility Notification and Coordination with Natural Resource Trustees

Mr. Jim Lee  
Regional Environmental Officer  
United States Department of Interior  
Office of Environmental Compliance and Planning  
75 Spring Street, SW  
Suite 306  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Lee:

In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) Section 104(b)(2), Fort McClellan is seeking to coordinate assessments, investigations, and planning activities with the appropriate Federal and State natural resource trustees. The intent of this letter is to provide notification of potential damages to natural resources from releases under investigation and to request trustee participation throughout the Superfund remedial process.

During the summer of 1995, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended the closure of Fort McClellan, Alabama, disposal of the property, and the formation of a Reserve Component enclave for the conduct of their training. The Commission's recommendations became law under signature of the President on September 28, 1995. Approximately 18,500 acres on Main Post have been declared surplus property available for disposal by the Army and for reuse by others. The Army will retain all of Pelham Range (22,245 acres) and portions of the Main Post cantonment area (427 acres) for use by the Army Reserve/National Guard.

To help you determine whether trust resources are present and potentially affected, I have enclosed a copy of the Final Environmental Baseline Survey, Fort McClellan, Alabama, Volumes I and II, dated January 1998, for your review. Additionally, environmental investigations, remedial actions, and engineering evaluations for unexploded ordnance removal are currently in the planning stages and are scheduled to begin this summer. Work Plans for these actions will be provided upon your request.

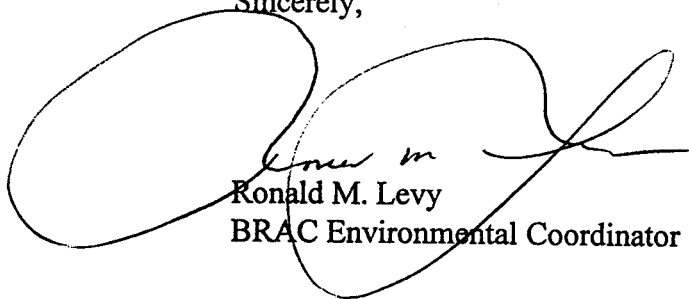
It should be noted that this office is consulting informally with Ms. Sharon Delchamps of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Daphne, Alabama, on issues relating

to BRAC environmental program activities and their potential impacts on our natural resources.

Please provide a response on your intent to participate as a resource trustee within 30 days of your receipt of this correspondence. Fort McClellan looks forward to hearing from your office to assure the Army fulfills their natural resource trustee obligations under CERCLA.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at (205) 848-3539.

Sincerely,



Ronald M. Levy  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator

Enclosure

Copies Furnished:

Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mr. Chris Johnson  
Environmental Protection Agency, Mr. Bart Reedy  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sharon Delchamps



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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND COMPLIANCE

Richard B. Russell Federal Building  
75 Spring Street, S.W.  
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June 11, 1998

Ronald M. Levy,  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
U.S. Army Chemical and Military Police Center  
Department of the Army  
Fort McClellan, AL 36205-5000

Dear Mr. Levy:

This responds to your letter of April 6, 1998, notifying the Department of potential damages to natural resources from releases at Fort McClellan.

I notified the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management - bureaus of this Department - of the potential for injury to trust natural resources, and your request for trustee participation in the Superfund remedial process.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will continue to participate in the Superfund remedial process at Fort McClellan when technical assistance regarding certain natural resource trustee interest can be provided. The FWS contact is Sharon Delchamps at 334/441-5181, ext. 31.

The FWS has provided the following information regarding DOI trust resources which may be impacted by release of contaminants at Fort McClellan:

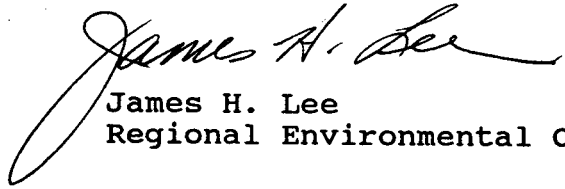
1. Federally-endangered and threatened species:
  - a. gray bat, *Myotis grisescens* (endangered)
  - b. Tennessee yellow-eyed grass, *Xyris tennesseensis* (endangered)
  - c. blue shiner, *Cyprinella caerulea* (threatened)
  - d. Mohr's barbara buttons, *Marshallia mohril* (threatened)
2. Adjacent land is a probable future site for the Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge.
3. Neotropical migratory birds.

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If you need additional information at this time, please contact the FWS directly, or call me at 404/331-4524. Future requests for information regarding trust natural resources of the Department may be directed to Sharon Delchamps, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, P. O. Drawer 1190, Daphne, AL 362526, with a copy to this office.

Thank you for contacting the Department regarding trust resources in this area.

Sincerely,



James H. Lee  
Regional Environmental Officer

CC: OEPC, WASO  
FWS, Daphne, AL