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Mr. Glynn Ryan, Site Manager
ATTN: ATZN-HQ
U.S. Army Garrison/Transition Force
291 Jimmy Parks Boulevard
Fort McClellan, AL 36205-5000

SUBJ: Ordnance and Explosive (O&E) Oversight at Fort McClellan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has decided to limit our oversight of environmental investigation and cleanup at Fort McClellan to hazardous waste related activities covered by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) to the exclusion of ordnance and explosive (O&E) related activities. The reason for this decision is two-fold. First, EPA has no regulatory or statutory authority at Fort McClellan with respect to O&E investigation and cleanup. Second, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is currently in the process of procuring contractor services to support their review of all O&E related documents. Therefore, effective immediately, EPA is deferring to ADEM for oversight in the review and comment, concurrence, and approval of all workplans, reports, and Findings Of Suitability to Transfer (FOSTs) involving O&E. In addition, henceforth, EPA will provide its comments on hazardous waste related documents directly to ADEM with a copy to Fort McClellan. This is also due to the fact that ADEM, rather than EPA, has regulatory authority for the environmental investigation and cleanup of hazardous waste at Fort McClellan. If you have any questions, please call me at (404) 562-8527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon D. Johnston".

Jon D. Johnston, Chief
Federal Facilities Branch

cc: Jim Grassiano, ADEM