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RE: ADEM Review and Comment: Final Site Investigation Report for Range 29, Former Weapons Demonstration Range, Parcel (87Q-X); Former Rifle Ranges, Parcels (110Q and 111Q); and Former Impact Area, Parcel (239Q-X);
Dated January 2002
Fort McClellan, Calhoun County, Alabama
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Dear Mr. Levy:

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM or the Department) has reviewed the above referenced document. Draft findings related to the subject document were discussed at the Base Realignment and Closure Team (BCT) review meeting on September 19, 2001. During the meeting, the Department provided its comments on the site in an interactive manner such that the Army and BCT stakeholders could jointly resolve the Department's comments and so Fort McClellan could proceed with development of the SI Report.

For the purpose of this *Site Investigation (SI) Report*, Parcels 87Q-X, 110Q, 111Q and 239Q-X will all be referred to as Range 29.

The Department understands that these sites are likely contaminated with metals (lead, antimony, and copper) associated with range activity from small arms ammunition training. SI data from Range 29 indicate a number of contaminants present at levels exceeding screening values. This includes pesticides and herbicides, as well as metals, as presented in section 5.0 of the SI report. Range 29 also has extensive unexploded ordnance (UXO) contamination that reportedly is presently preventing Fort McClellan from collecting additional samples over a portion of these parcels. It is apparent that a *Remedial Investigation (RI)* is warranted for Range 29. However, due to the potential presence of UXO, Fort McClellan is reportedly unable to conduct the RI at this time until appropriate UXO/OE investigation activities are completed. This SI Report documents the investigation activities conducted to date by Fort McClellan. In the SI Report, Fort McClellan recommends that it conduct an RI at a later date pending completion of the UXO cleanup.

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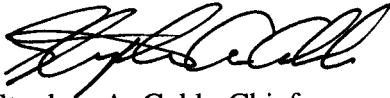
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ADEM has recently obtained the services of an ordnance and explosives/unexploded ordnance (OE/UXO) contractor to provide OE/UXO services to the Department. ADEM will provide comments concerning OE/UXO related issues, under separate cover, after the contractor has had an opportunity to review OE/UXO related activities at these sites.

Based on the data presented, the Department concurs with Fort McClellan's assessment that an RI is warranted at this site and that UXO investigation and clearance activities are required at Range 29. Please submit a proposed schedule to the Department presenting Fort McClellan's schedule for completing the RI at Range 29, factoring in the need to complete UXO investigation and clearance activities. In addition, please work with the JPA to resolve the land re-use designation for these parcels and address the revised designation in the pending RI Workplan.

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 determined that all previous EPA comments have been adequately addressed. Therefore EPA considers the subject document approvable. As the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (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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