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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Environmental Affairs Division

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)/Interagency Agreement (IAG) Administrative Docket No. II-CERCLA-FFA-001-04: 32 Code of Federal Regulations 179.5 requirements: *Review* is ER,A-eligible

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Dear Sirs:

As a lead agency, and in accordance with the 32 Code of Federal Regulations 179.5 requirements, Picatinny Arsenal is providing this notification that a Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Inspection (SI) is currently being executed. MMRP Sites (Sites) established during the SI process have been evaluated and scored by applying the Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSP). The MRSP is used to assign a relative priority to Sites to determine the order of funding for response actions. The MRSP evaluation criteria includes assessing types of munitions which may be potentially present, assessing land uses, determining ease of access to Sites, and quantifying the number of people with access to Sites. These criteria were discussed at a training session that you attended in August of 2007.

Ten Sites were identified at Picatinny Arsenal; three of these Sites are located outside the installation boundary (off-post) as shown on the enclosed map. The land covered by the three off-post Sites is owned by several different property owners, all of which have been copied furnished this letter.

During the SI, the Army conducted a visual survey at both on and off-post locations. The off-post visual survey was conducted on portions of land owned by each of the off-post property owners. Maps showing the visual survey locations are attached to this letter. The purpose of the visual survey was to obtain information needed for the MRSPs and to determine if munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) or munitions debris were present on the surface of the properties. No MEC items or munitions debris were identified off-post during the visual survey. As discussed in the Draft SI Report that you are presently reviewing, further

investigation is recommended for all off-post Sites during the Remedial Investigation (RI) phase of the MMRP.

Sites were initially scored and presented in the draft SI Report. If you, or any applicable stakeholder including all that are copied furnished this letter, are interested in participating in the initial scoring process, a meeting can be setup prior to publishing the Final SI Report.

Please let us know within 30-days if you, or any applicable stakeholder including all that are copied furnished this letter, are interested in participating in the scoring process. However, you may elect to simply review and provide input on the initial scores within the Draft SI Report. The MRSP scores are currently being reviewed by the regulatory agencies (*i.e.*, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)).

We will present the MRSP scores during the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on January 24, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Rockaway Hilton. If requests for a scoring meeting and/or comments on the initial scores in the Draft SI Report are not received within 30-days of the RAB meeting, the scores will be considered final for input into the Army Data base (AEDB-R) and into the Final SI Report. Scores can be modified or updated as additional information becomes available.

Should you have any questions regarding the SI and the application of MRSP, please do not hesitate to contact me at (973) 724-6748 or ted.gabel@us.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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