

April 22, 2010

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Re: EE/CA Report for Residential Community Initiative Military  
Housing Project Area, January 2010  
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

Dear Mr. Gabel,

EPA approves the above-referenced report except for the following:

1. General Comment – It is assumed that the areas addressed by the EE/CA will be also be included in the future MMRP RI/FS. The selected remedy of education and MEC construction oversight is satisfactory as an interim remedy but eventually these cleared areas must also go through the CERCLA RI/FS process.
2. Section 5, MEC Exposure Pathway Analysis – According to this analysis, PTA personnel do not engage in intrusive activities such as digging or excavation. Is there actually a prohibition of Picatinny employees engaging in these activities?

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 637-4335.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Greg Zalaskus, NJDEP