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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 63D REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND
230 RT JONES RD
MOUNTAIN VIEW CA 94043-1809

October 4, 2012

Director of Public Works

Ms. Alana Lee, Lead RPM
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75 Hawthorne Street
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Ms. Elizabeth Wells, RPM
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Dear Ms. Lee and Ms. Wells:

Thank you for your comments on the Orion Park Housing Area (OPHA) Supplemental Site Investigation (SSI) Report. We appreciate that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Regional Water Quality Control Board - San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) and Public have worked diligently on remediation projects within and in the surrounding communities of the City of Mountain View. Our goal is to continue the working relationship the Army Reserve has established with your Agencies and the Public.

The U.S. Department of the Army (Army) submits the enclosed SSI Report for the former OPHA to the Region IX of the EPA and Water Board. The SSI was performed in accordance with a Final Work Plan for OPHA as approved by EPA and Water Board in November 2010. This final site assessment confirms the findings of multiple historic investigations conducted at OPHA that conclude no CERCLA regulated release has occurred at OPHA and that only off-site TCE sources impact the groundwater beneath OPHA.

Because the hazardous substances that have come to be located in the groundwater at OPHA result from the subsurface migration from sources outside the OPHA property boundaries, no CERCLA liability can be identified by the Army to compel any additional action by the Army simply because it is the current property owner. The Army will take no further action for the TCE plume underlying the OPHA because no sources of TCE were found on site.

On 4 May 2012, command, control, and accountability for OPHA was transferred from Ft. Hunter Liggett to the 63D Regional Support Command (RSC). The 63D RSC will continue to provide full cooperation and access to emergency response action providers and comply with requests for information.

The 63D RSC will continue to enforce proper land use controls at OPHA to prevent uses inconsistent with identified groundwater conditions. Any additional requests regarding OPHA should be directed to the attention of Laura Caballero, Environmental Division Chief, Headquarters, 63D Regional Support Command, 230 R.T. Jones Road, Mountain View, CA 94043.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stewart R. Fearon".

Stewart R. Fearon
Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve
Director Public Works