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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: Submittal of **600 Area Data Report/Feasibility Study**: Review is ER, A-eligible

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Mr. Roach and Ms. Pavelka:

Enclosed for your review are copies of the Draft Final **600 Area Data Report Feasibility Study** developed by Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure and approved by the Army.

I am asking that your review of this document be prioritized for two reasons:

1. The contract with Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure will be terminating in June. It would be preferable that all your concerns are addressed with Shaw as the contractor for the Final **600 Area Data Report/Feasibility Study**. Otherwise they will not be addressed before another contract is awarded.
2. We had planned to award a contract this fiscal year to perform the next steps in CERCLA process. Your approval of FS would increase the possibility of this award.

I would agree that the Army did meet its schedule for the re-submittal of this document.

The original FS for had been considered final in January 2010. However, EPA's review of the Draft Proposed Plan requested additional investigation including looking for a source area, conducting more rounds of groundwater sampling and conducting a vapor intrusion study in Building 660. We have kept your agencies informed of the results of these actions with workplans, reports and emails.

Most critical of the results of these actions is that there is now recognized active source of the 600 Area TCE groundwater plume. The Military Munitions Response Program Remedial Investigation (RI) of the Inactive Munitions Waste Pit (PICA-013-R-01) was also completed. All the new information is now incorporated into this document and the remedial alternatives were modified accordingly as we discussed last year. However, unlike the previously-approved FS, this version - consistent with EPA and Army policy - does not select a preferred alternative.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

CC

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