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Honorable Mike DeWine  
United States Senate  
37 West Broad Street  
Suite 300  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator DeWine:

This letter replies to your August 10, 2006, letter in which you requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to elaborate on the potential transfer of the Former Plum Brooks Ordnance Works (PBOW) from the Huntington District to the Buffalo District as mentioned in Mrs. Janet Bohne's July 17, 2006, e-mail to you.

The Corps recently completed a study which recommended decreasing the number of districts involved in the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program, thus reducing administrative costs and increasing project funds available for actual cleanup. Although the preliminary recommendation from this initial study was that all FUDS projects of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) be transferred to the Louisville District, LRD management considered transferring PBOW to Buffalo District as an exception.

The Corps is reconsidering its original recommendation by allowing two project management districts within each division boundary. Consequently, due to their knowledge of the property and relationships with the community, Huntington District will continue performing the cleanup at PBOW. If a future decision is made to transfer PBOW, I will ensure that you are notified of this decision by LRD in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Rivers".

Patricia A. Rivers, P.E.  
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