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Mr. Ron Nabors  
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Dear Mr. Nabors:

The U.S. Army Engineer District Louisville is planning investigation activities for various sites at the former Plum Brook Ordnance Works in Erie County, Ohio. The manufacturing facility had three separate TNT production lines during the World War II era. Later portions of the property became a testing facility for NASA.

Site Investigations (SI) are typically performed to determine if past activities resulted in chemical contamination. Soil samples are to be collected and shipped to a laboratory for chemical testing. The results will be evaluated by comparing to the USEPA Region 9 Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs). If contaminants are found to exceed media specific screening criteria presented in the Region 9 PRGs, the written Site Investigation documents will highlight the instances where the contaminants appear to warrant further study. Six reports are planned stemming from the Plum Brook sampling performed by the Louisville District.

The use of the Region 9 PRGs for screening is typical for this work. If you have questions, please contact me at (502) 582-5573.

Sincerely,

*Douglas Meadors*

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