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Reply to
Attention of:

Great Lakes Ohio River
Regional Integration Team

Mr. Mark F. Bohne, Co-Chairman
The Plum Brook Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board (PBOW-RAB)
311 East Mason Road
P.O. Box 447
Milan, Ohio 44846

Dear Mr. Bohne:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 11, 2007 to multiple addressees with regard to the evaluation of cleanup responsibility at a property in Ohio known as Plum Brook Ordnance Works (PBOW). This response is on behalf of all the addressees in the Corps of Engineers.

The Corps of Engineers acts as DA's executive agent for the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program. The Corps ensures all the properties meet the eligibility requirements for the cleanup under the program and USACE staff is currently reviewing PBOW eligibility requirements. All issues that you mentioned in your letter will be part of our evaluation. Currently there are no changes in cleanup plans for PBOW.

Thank your for your letter, which I received via our Great Lakes and Ohio River Division office. Should you have any question please feel free to contact US Army Corps of Engineers, Division Commander, BG. Bruce A. Berwick.

Sincerely,

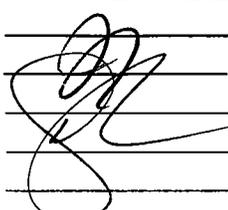
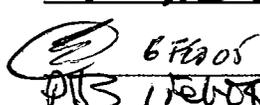
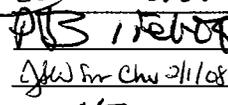
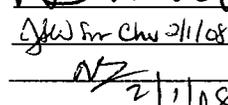
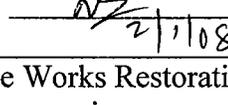
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J. Joseph Tyler, P.E.
Deputy Director of Military Programs

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SUBJECT: Letter dated 11 Oct 2007 from Plum Brook Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board (PBOW RAB), a Property undergoing cleanup under the FUDS Program, expressing concerns that USACE may transfer cleanup responsibility to NASA. Letter was addressed to multiple addressees; no letter was received by document control at HQ. LRD sent a copy of the letter to HQ which is attached.

1. PURPOSE: Provide response to RAB that pacify their concerns to the degree possible, on behalf of all USACE addressees.

2. SUMMARY: HQ FUDS issued guidance to the field dated 5 Sep 07 to review property transfer documents for clauses that might have placed responsibility for cleanup with others. LRL apparently shared this guidance with the RAB. The RAB misinterpreted the guidance, and became alarmed that cleanup might not be continued by USACE, jeopardizing cleanup progress, jeopardizing the RAB. Review of clauses is not complete, no decisions have been made, many factors will influence ultimate decisions, cleanup work is continuing.

3. COORDINATION: HQ FUDS, HQ Office of Counsel, LRD, and LRD RIT.