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Mr. Alan Hynek
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Dear Mr. Hynek:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of the "Final Remedial Action Completion Report" for the Sherman Heights Small Arms Range, Operable Unit 8, or OU8. The EPA has this remaining concern:

- The EPA commented on the draft report that groundwater sampling should "coincide with Five-Year Reviews". The Army concurred with this suggestion in their Response to Comments; however, the Army states that sampling "will be completed in 2022" so that a summary can be included in the "first Five-Year Review in 2023". In addition, the last paragraph of Section 4.0 (page 8) states that "groundwater sampling is anticipated to occur in 2022". The statutory due date for the next (fifth) Five-Year Review is September 28, 2022; therefore, sampling should be conducted in 2021 to incorporate the results into the fifth Five-Year Review report. Please revise the date listed in the report.

As discussed during the informal project manager meeting on October 3, 2018, the EPA will withhold official approval of the RACR until two remaining issues are resolved – implementation of institutional controls, and evaluation of composite soil sampling results for three areas with elevated lead concentrations. Please withhold issuance of the final RACR until these issues have been resolved.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email at oconnor.daniel@epa.gov or at (913) 551-7868.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny O'Connor", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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