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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Office of the Director, Stockpile,
Industrial, Remediation and Restoration

Mr. Larry Camper
Chief, Decommissioning Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

Dear Mr. Camper:

In accordance with 10 CFR 40.42 (g) (2), the US Army makes a contingent request for an alternative schedule for submittal of a Decommissioning Plan for the termination of the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) license SUB-1435. The alternative schedule is necessary due to the acknowledged unexploded ordnance and the personnel safety hazard that would be created should the Army be requested by NRC to provide additional site specific data during technical review to further validate termination of the JPG license under 10 C.F.R. § 20.1403, restricted conditions.

The Army proposes that a license amendment for SUB-1435 be negotiated with NRC that would create a 5-year renewable possession only license for an indefinite time period. Contingent upon the successful negotiation of an indefinite duration possession only license amendment for JPG, the Army would then formally withdraw the revised Decommissioning Plan (June 2002) and Environmental Report (June 2002) for decommissioning of JPG administratively accepted by NRC for technical review on October 1, 2002.

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Sincerely,

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