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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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Dr. Billy B. Hair Chairman, Board of Commissioners Chatham County Post Office Box 8161 Savannah, Georgia 31412

Dear Mr. Hair:

This letter is to provide you with information on the Hunter Army Airfield Former Fire Training Area, in accordance with Rule 391-3-19-.06(5)(e) of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Site Response.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has placed this site on the Hazardous Site Inventory (Site Number 10395) pursuant to its authority under the Hazardous Site Response Act and Rules promulgated thereunder. As required by the Rules for Hazardous Site Response, the responsible party for this site was required to investigate the site and submit a compliance status report to EPD summarizing the results of that This report was submitted to EPD on March 31, investigation. The report noted that portions of the Hunter Army 2000. Airfield Former Fire Training Area were not in compliance with Types 1 through 4 Risk Reduction Standards for site-specific regulated substances detected in soil and groundwater.

The EPD is currently reviewing the compliance status report to determine if corrective action is needed for regulated substances that have been released at this site. However, before they decide whether corrective action is needed, the public has the opportunity to review the compliance status report and provide comments to EPD about the report. In accordance with Rule 391-3-19-.06(5)(a) of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Site Response, notice will be made of a 30-day public comment period regarding the compliance status report for the Hunter Army Airfield Former Fire Training Area Site. The public notices regarding this site and its associated compliance status report will be published in the Savannah Morning News and in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspapers. Written or oral comments can be made to:

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The compliance status report for the Hunter Army Airfield Former Fire Training Area Site may be viewed at Fort Stewart's Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division. Anyone interested in reviewing this report may request to do so through the Installation's Public Affairs Office at (912) 767-5457.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Tressa Rutland, Fort Stewart's Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, at (912) 767-2010.

Sincerely,

William R. Betson Colonel, U.S. Army Garrison Commander