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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Robert R. Baumgardt Director, Public Works Headquarters, 3D Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart Directorate of Public Works, Building 1137 Environmental Branch (ATTN: Algeana Stevenson) 1550 Frank Cochran Drive Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927

RE: Fort Stewart's SWMU Assessment Report, Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon Detection near SWMU-24B; dated June 2011 and received July 19, 2011; EPA ID No. GA9 210 020 872.

Dear Mr. Baumgardt:

The Land Protection Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed Fort Stewart's SWMU assessment report (SAR) for the Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) detection near SWMU-24B. From that review, the following comment was generated:

The SAR states that the area where the PAHs were detected is being used as an active motor pool, and the area had been previously paved with asphalt, which is believed to be the cause of the PAH detections in surface soil. Since Fort Stewart has several such motor pools, soil samples from similar motor pools (with similar pavement as that at SWMU 24B) should be obtained to establish that these PAH detections, as well as any future PAH detections associated with any other SWMUs that are located near a motor pool, are not related to a release of hazardous constituents, but originate from the stormwater runoff from and weathering and deterioration of the nearby asphalt pavement.

Please submit a plan for conducting the requested sampling to address the above comment. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William Powell or Mr. Mo Ghazi at 404-656-2833.

Sincerely,

Amy Potter (/ Unit Coordinator Hazardous Waste Management Program

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