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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

It is our understanding that the EPA, in response to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), set new GPRA goals for cleanup in states with RCRA authority. As part of this effort the EPA contacted you directly and together you conducted an investigation of certain sites on Ft. Bliss. Regrettably Ft. Bliss did not receive the results of that investigation and we are uncertain how we ended up on EPA list of installations failing to meet their GPRA environmental indicators. When we received copies of the correspondence from the EPA to your state, we found we are at a loss to know:

- a. What specific sites and what specific findings need to be addressed.
- b. What is/are the definitions of what is expected at these sites.
- c. What is/are the standards for measurement of progress to realization of the EPA EI.
- d. Is the criteria the entire instillation or individual site(s).
- e. How does the EPA's apparent schedule of 2005 relate to the schedule the Department of Defense agreed to with the EPA of 2007 for "high" risk sites and additional years to resolve "medium" and "low" risk sites.

If you can furnish us with the above referenced information it will permit us to tell you what progress has been made on the sites in questions and what priorities and time schedules have been approved by the Army in cleaning up those sites.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding. You may reach me at 915-568-7979.

Sincerely,

David Dodge
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