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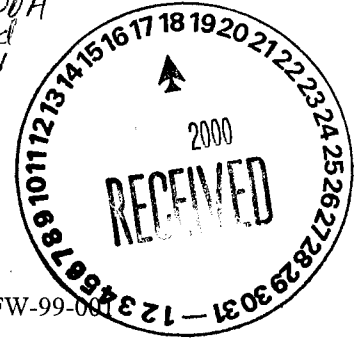
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Subject: FWDA Soil Background Concentration Study, NM6213820974, Task Number: FW-99-001

Mr. James P. Bearzi
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

As a general note, the contractor who performed the study has issued the Final Soil Background Investigation Report to the Army. The work plan for the background study was submitted in August 1999 and was discussed in considerable detail with the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) in September 1999, at which time comments were solicited for receipt by the end of September 1999. The work plan was modified based on comments received from a number of NMED and EPA reviewers and fieldwork for the background study investigation was subsequently completed in November 1999. A draft report on the background investigation was submitted to the Army in April 2000 and the results of the report were presented to the BCT in June 2000. Late in July 2000, the Army then received an additional set of comments from NMED on the background investigation work plan.

The delay in receiving a second set of NMED comments on the August 1999 Draft Soil Background Concentration Study Site Investigation Work Plan precluded complete incorporation of these comments into the investigation's final report. The Army believes many of the NMED comments have been sufficiently addressed in the Soil Background Investigation Report. To accommodate NMED's request, however, the Army will issue an addendum to the final report to address any remaining comments. This addendum should be available by February 1, 2001. Until the additional work necessary for the addendum has been completed, please find enclosed the Final Soil Background Investigation Report.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Larry Fisher at (435) 833 3257.

Sincerely,

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