



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY GARRISON, ALASKA AND FORT RICHARDSON (PROV)  
724 POSTAL SERVICE LOOP #6000  
FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA 99505-6000

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PLEASE MAKE SURE SEATTLE  
HAS THIS LETTER.

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19 JUN 06

MEMORANDUM THRU District Commander, Corps of Engineers (COL Timothy J. Gallagher), P.O. Box 6898, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska 99506

FOR Commander, Seattle District, Corps of Engineers (COL Debra M. Lewis), P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, WA 98124-3755

SUBJECT: Contract No. W912DW-04-C-0019, Replacement Housing, Fort Wainwright, Alaska (FWA)

1. The subject contract refers to the "Taku Gardens" housing currently being constructed on FWA. Contamination discovered during the 2005 construction season led to a 30-day shut down while preliminary environmental sampling was conducted. A small area was first taped and later fenced off as the Exclusion Zone; the highest levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found in this zone.
2. Although construction has resumed, it is still limited by constraints to ensure the safety and health of construction workers and future residents. A more in-depth environmental investigation will commence by the end of May and meetings will occur on a weekly basis to attempt to continue both projects without further delays and still ensure that safety for all workers remains the highest priority.
3. The contamination issues brought in regulators from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). FWA is listed on the National Priorities List; therefore, the Army must coordinate all cleanup actions with the regulatory agencies. The regulators have heard about alleged questionable procedures of debris disposal and alleged access through the Exclusion Zone, prior to it being permanently fenced by the construction contractor, Watterson Construction Company (WCC).
4. On 17 May 2006, U.S. Army Garrison, Alaska (USAG-AK) received an informal request from ADEC for copies of all of the field notes and photos taken by Watterson's environmental consultant for all work related to Taku Gardens housing construction. A similar request was received from USEPA on 18 May 2006.
5. Representatives from USAG-AK have held several meetings with the regulators and have agreed to share all relevant and requested information whenever possible. Therefore, I request that ADEC's and EPA's requests be honored and WCC be directed

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to provide copies of field notes and photographs through the Alaska District to USAG-AK. USAG-AK will provide the information directly to ADEC and EPA regulators.

6. Point of contact for this is Therese Deardorff, FWA Project Manager for Fort Richardson, Alaska at (907) 384-2716.



DONNA G. BOLTZ  
COL, MP  
Commanding