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Francis M. McGinn, Colonel
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Re: 30 March 2010 - Request to Lift Use Restrictions – Draft eXportable Combat
Training Capability Site Review - XCTC
Modification to the Scope of Work for
EPA Administrative Order (AO) SDWA 1-97-1030 (AO2)

Dear Colonel McGinn:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the Massachusetts National Guard's (the "Guard") 30 March 2010 Request to Lift Use Restrictions ("XCTC 2010 Request"), with respect to proposed eXportable Combat Training Capability training scheduled to occur in June 2010 at Massachusetts Military Reservation. In connection with the XCTC 2010 Request, EPA has also received the Army's May 2010 Final eXportable Combat Training Capability Site Review ("May 2010 XCTC Site Review").

The Guard's XCTC 2010 Request provides a Site matrix and map depicting proposed locations for the XCTC exercise. Based on the information provided in the XCTC 2010 Request and the description of the proposed locations in the May 2010 XCTC Site Review, EPA agrees to allow the military to use all of the sites listed in the Guard's XCTC 2010 Request for the XCTC training in 2010. Accordingly, for any areas specified in the XCTC 2010 Request which are addressed in the Scope of Work for EPA Administrative Order SDWA 1-97-1030 ("AO2"), EPA agrees to a modification of the Scope of Work for AO2 for the location and purposes specified in the Guard's XCTC 2010 Request.

Please be advised that this approval does not release the use restrictions on any other part of the Site, and does not release the use restriction for any purpose other than the specifically-requested purposes in the XCTC 2010 Request. In addition, the approval does not release the restrictions on activities suspended pursuant to the Scope of Work of AO2 unless such activities have independently been approved for use by EPA pursuant to Paragraph 125 of AO2.

Please note that in approving specific uses and locations for training in response to your XCTC 2010 Request, EPA is not necessarily in agreement with all statements and

conclusions in the Army's May 2010 XCTC Site Review or the Guard's March XCTC 2010 Request, and EPA reserves all of its rights regarding additional response actions under the law and the Safe Drinking Water Act Administrative Orders with respect to the site. Moreover, EPA cannot permanently release the restrictions set forth in the AO2 and the other Administrative Orders for the Site until all of the necessary requirements of those Orders have been achieved.

In addition, please note that the EPA has not evaluated any of the XCTC sites for safety hazards. The military should be performing its own review of these sites for safety-related hazards.

Please be advised that EPA is conducting a fourteen (14) day informal comment period on the XCTC 2010 Request, the May 2010 XCTC Site Review, and EPA's decision. The comment period will start on May 3, 2010 and conclude on May 17, 2010. EPA may alter its decision if new information is provided which indicates that the proposed training may interfere with the investigation or cleanup.

Should you have any questions in regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Desiree Moyer or me at (617) 918-1257 or (617) 918-1210, respectively.

Sincerely,



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