

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PROGRAM MANAGER FOR NON-STOCKPILE CHEMICAL MATERIEL ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND 21010-5401



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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 6th Infantry Division (Light), ATTN: APVR-PW-ENV (Mr. Johnson), Building 730, Fort Richardson, AK 99505-5500

SUBJECT: Suspect Chemical Warfare Materiel (CWM) at Fort Richardson Alaska

1. Reference telephone conversations between Mr. Vernon Skinner, U.S. Army Chemical Materiel Destruction Agency (USACMDA) and Mr. Doug Johnson, your office, on 6 and 7 October 1993, and Mr. Craig Williams, Alaska District on 6 October 1993, SAB.

2. USACMDA, and more specifically, the Program Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel (PM NSCM); has been tasked with the responsibility for assessing sites with possible buried CWM, assisting in identifying recovered CWM, coordinating the transportation of recovered CWM to sites where it can be destroyed and destruction of recovered non-stockpile CWM. Unfortunately, our research conducted jointly with the Huntsville Division for the Non-Stockpile Report to Congress did not reveal the possibility of buried CWM at Fort Richardson which would have precluded this problem for you.

3. Before you can proceed with excavation of a site suspected of containing CWM you are required to develop a formal safety and health plan that identifies, evaluates, and controls safety and health hazards and provides for emergency response including Safety Health and Emergency Response Plan, chemical and explosive safety (e.g., Site Specific Safety and Health Plan), environmental compliance (environmental monitoring plan), medical support plan, quality assurance plan, public affairs plan, and other activities necessary for the safe, environmentally acceptable and efficient remediation of a suspect CWM. These plans must be coordinated with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and per agreement with DHHS, USACMDA will effect this coordination.

4. USACMDA can assist with the development of the above plans and develop and coordinate other plans and procedures required for the treatment, temporary holding, and transportation of the CWM with outside agencies. SFIL-NSM SUBJECT: Suspect Chemical Warfare Materiel (CWM) at Fort Richardson Alaska

5. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Vernon Skinner, he can be contacted at commercial (410) 671-1087 or DSN 584-1087.

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