



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

March 30, 2012

Engineering/Planning Division
Geo-Environmental Engineering Branch

Ms. Ann-Marie Ignasher
Town Planner
Town of Foster, Rhode Island
181 Howard Hill Road
Foster, Rhode Island 02825

Re: Construction and Intrusive Efforts at Former Nike PR-79 Control Area, FUDS Project No. D01RI0063 02, Foster, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Ignasher:

As you are aware, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District is conducting environmental restoration activities at the Former NIKE PR-79 Control Area formerly used defense site (FUDS), FUDS Project No. D01RI0063 02, located on Theodore Foster Drive in Foster, Rhode Island. The environmental restoration activities aim to identify and clean up contamination that may have resulted from past military activities. These environmental restoration activities are being conducted under the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) for FUDS. The DERP was established by Congress for cleanup of DoD hazardous waste sites consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

The USACE understands that the town of Foster has planned improvements for the Former Nike PR-79 Control Area, which include installation of a new on-site septic system and decommissioning of the existing site septic system, as well as repairs to the site potable supply well piping system. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the USACE does not own the subject property and therefore cannot direct, approve or deny activities the town of Foster chooses to undertake at the property. It is important that the town of Foster understands that the property is a listed site in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Information System (CERCLIS) database (site number: RID987492485), in which the source of chlorinated solvent is not known and therefore, environmental investigation and restoration activities at this site have not been completed. The town of Foster should be aware that any activities that are conducted on the site that result in the spread of contamination may result in the town becoming liable for investigation and remediation efforts.

The USACE has been conducting environmental investigation efforts at the site since the mid 1990's and will continue to do so until risk at the site is mitigated. The USACE is committed to working with the town of Foster to help ensure that activities conducted on the site do not exacerbate the existing hazardous waste issue. We are willing to review any plans the town of Foster may have for development of the property and share what information we have in those areas to assist the town in their determinations of how the work may impact any future remediation. We also believe it would be in the best interest of the town of Foster to hire Environmental Consultants to review all future plans so that the

town can make the most informed decisions regarding their impact to the potential spread of contamination. Finally, we'd like to reiterate that the town owns the property, and as a result you are free to make any improvements to your property.

Please contact the USACE Project Manager, Casey Haskell, at 978-318-8398 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Farrell McMillan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

H. Farrell McMillan, P.E.
Chief, Engineering/Planning Division