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April 30, 2009

Dvija Michael Bertish  
Rosemere Neighborhood Association  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
PO Box 61471  
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Re: Petition for a Preliminary Assessment at Former Camp Bonneville Military Reservation,  
Clark County, Washington

Dear Mr. Bertish:


The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the course of action the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has decided to take in response to your February 3, 2009 petition that requests EPA to conduct a Preliminary Assessment (PA) at the former Camp Bonneville Military Reservation, located in Clark County, Washington.

As you are aware, members of my staff met with the Washington Department of Ecology, the current lead regulatory agency for this site. The purpose of that meeting was for EPA staff to hear about the status of past, ongoing and planned environmental assessments and cleanup actions for the site. On a separate occasion, EPA met with you and the Rosemere Neighborhood Association members to gain a better understanding of your specific concerns about this site.

Based on information obtained during this effort, EPA has determined that performing a Preliminary Assessment of the Camp Bonneville site is warranted. The EPA will assess this site to determine whether it warrants attention under the federal Superfund Program. This PA will consist of reviewing readily available existing information. The PA will be completed within a year.

If you have any questions about the PA process, please contact Monica Tonel, the Site Assessment Manager assigned to this site, at (206) 553-0323.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Environmental Cleanup

cc: Barry Rogowski  
Washington State Department of Ecology