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Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

SUBJECT: Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, FUSRAP FFA CERCLA-07-2005-0378 –
Request for Extension of Submittal of Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report

Mr. Scott Marquess
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
901 North 5th St.
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Dear Mr. Marquess:

Reference Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) under CERCLA Section 120, Administrative Docket Number CERCLA-07-2005-0378 between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of Iowa, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP).

Reference correspondence from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District to the EPA, SUBJECT: Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, FUSRAP FFA CERCLA-07-2205-0378 – Notification of 20-Day Extension for Submittal of the Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report for Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. This correspondence established a date of July 10, 2008 for submittal of the draft final Remedial Investigation Report.

The USACE proposes a 20 day extension for the submittal of the draft final Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. Thus the date for submittal of the draft would be July 30, 2008.

The additional time is required due to the large number of comments on the draft RI Report and the concurrent production of a draft final Remedial Action Work Plan for Line 1 and the West Burn Pads Area. The large number of comments on the RI Report require extensive revision of the document, particularly the risk assessment. The USACE has been working directly with USEPA to resolve these comments and has provided draft revised sections of the RI report contents to USEPA for preliminary review in order to increase the probability of producing a draft final report acceptable to all parties. While normally manpower resources would be adequate to handle this volume of comments, the concurrent fast-tracked production of a draft final Remedial Action Work Plan has strained resources. In order to take advantage of the opportunity for disposal with the Army's Inert Disposal Area (IDA), the USACE must complete the Remedial Action with a short timeframe. Consequently personnel knowledgeable of Iowa Army Ammunition

Plant have been focused on completing the documentation required to initiate the Remedial Action.

If you have any questions regarding this extension, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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