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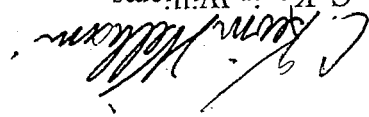
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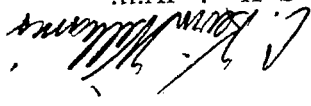
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Commander  
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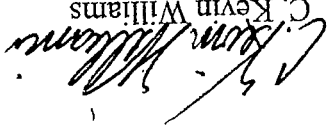
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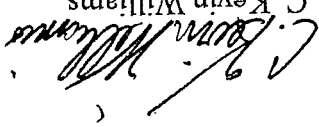


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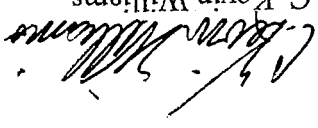
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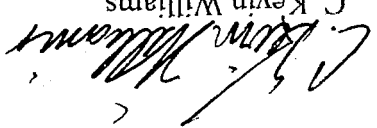
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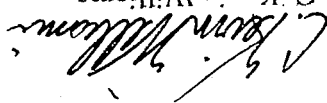
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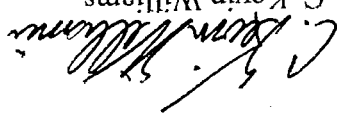


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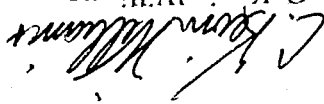
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:



Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

SUBJECT: Designation of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

Honorable Eugene Fraise  
Iowa Senate, District 50  
Second Floor, State Capital  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Senator Fraise:

On July 2, 2002, portions of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) were designated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be a site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP addresses contamination generated by activities of the Manhattan Engineer District/Atomic Energy Commission (MED/AEC) during the development of the nation's early atomic weapons and energy programs.

Portions of the IAAAP were used to store, assemble, machine, burn and test high explosive components for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) from the 1940s until the 1970s. Based on a review of existing and recently declassified information, interviews, and limited radiological surveys, the Corps found evidence of radioactive releases associated with AEC activities at Firing Sites 12, 6, and Line 1. Ten areas will be investigated further based on research suggesting that radioactive contamination associated with AEC activities may exist at these areas.

Although only those portions of the IAAAP that were affected by the activities of the AEC will be addressed by FUSRAP, the remainder of the site will continue to be addressed by the Installation Restoration Program. St. Louis District personnel will work closely with the IAAAP to ensure that both FUSRAP and Installation Restoration Program resources are used efficiently.

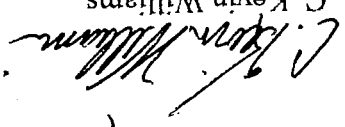
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