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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, ATTN: DASA-ESOH, Mr. James C. King

SUBJECT: Request for Army Technical Assessment Team

1. Request a Department of the Army Technical Assessment Team to assess stored explosives at Camp Minden, LA. Specifically, request the team conduct an assessment of the potential short and long term hazards associated with the M6 propellant and make recommendations for potential mitigation measures.

2. The M6 propellant is a hazardous material derived from the demilitarization of the M119A2 Propelling Charge by Explo Systems, Inc. ("Explo"), a tenant of the Louisiana Military Department at Camp Minden. The propellant was used in connection with an activity of the DoD as provided in 10 U.S.C. 2692 (b)(1). The excess propellant was produced by Explo under the terms and conditions of its contract with DoD (contract no. W52P1J-10-C-0025). While performing work for the DoD under its contract, Explo illegally and improperly stored large amounts of M6 propellant on the premises of Camp Minden without the knowledge or consent of the State of Louisiana. Explo's actions in this regard violate state and federal law. Explo's illegal activities were discovered by the Louisiana State Police during a routine inspection of their operations. The State of Louisiana has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for the transportation and storage of the excess M6 propellant and is currently awaiting a determination.

3. Point of contact is the undersigned at (318) 613-5313 or email glenn.h.curtis.mil@mail.mil.

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