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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As directed by the Military Land Withdrawal Act of 1999, the enclosed report explains the decontamination efforts undertaken during the previous fiscal year and planned decontamination activities for the following fiscal year on Naval Air Station Fallon Ranges, Nevada.

Specifically, the report addresses the decontamination efforts on Fallon Ranges Bravo - 16, 17, 19, and 20 providing decontamination efforts undertaken during fiscal year 2002 and planned decontamination activities for fiscal year 2003.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. A copy of the Navy report is also being provided to Chairmen of the Defense Committees, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Committee on Resources.

Sincerely,

Hansford T. Johnson
Secretary of the Navy
Acting

Enclosure

Copy to:
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Minority Member

U. S. Navy
Report of Decontamination Efforts on
Bravo-16, 17, 19, and 20
Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada

A. BRAVO-16

(1) Decontamination effort for fiscal year 2002:

(a) **Amounts appropriated and obligated or expended for decontamination of such lands:** $59,215

(b) **The methods used to decontaminate such lands:** Detonate in place, remove scrap ordnance to holding area, and remove scrap targets to holding area.

(c) **The amounts and types of decontaminants removed from such lands:** An estimated 323,800 pounds of ordnance scrap and 538,000 pounds of target scrap are in B-16 holding area.

(d) **The estimated types and amounts of residual contamination on such lands:** An estimated 2,030,800 pounds of surface ordnance scrap, and 4,162,704 pounds of subsurface ordnance scrap.

(e) **An estimate of the costs for full decontamination on such lands and the estimate of the time to complete such decontamination (Surface and Subsurface):** Surface and subsurface full decontamination of B-16 estimated at $10,858,000 where subsurface decontamination would be to 18-inch depth, which would allow grazing, and off road recreation. Estimate two years to complete.

(2) Decontamination effort proposed for fiscal year 2003.

(a) Estimate $56,500 available in 2003 for decontamination.

B. BRAVO-17

(1) Decontamination effort for fiscal year 2002:

(a) **Amounts appropriated and obligated or expended for decontamination of such lands:** $557,425

(b) **The methods used to decontaminate such lands:** Detonate in place, remove scrap ordnance to holding area, and remove scrap targets to holding area.

(c) **The amounts and types of decontaminants removed from such lands:** An estimated 4,273,000 pounds of ordnance scrap and 7,567,000 pounds of target scrap are in B-17 holding area.

(d) **The estimated types and amounts of residual contamination on such lands:** An estimated 61,562,000 pounds of surface ordnance scrap, and 136,744,000 pounds of subsurface ordnance scrap.

(e) **An estimate of the costs for full decontamination on such lands and the estimate of the time to complete such decontamination (Surface and Subsurface):** Surface and subsurface full decontamination of B-17 estimated at $18,984,000 where subsurface decontamination would be to 18-inch depth, which would allow grazing only. Estimate two years to complete.

(2) Decontamination effort proposed for fiscal year 2003.

(a) Estimate $530,000 available in 2003 for decontamination.

C. BRAVO-19

(1) Decontamination effort for fiscal year 2002:

(a) **Amounts appropriated and obligated or expended for decontamination of such lands:** $128,316

(b) **The methods used to decontaminate such lands:** Detonate in place, remove scrap ordnance to holding area, and remove scrap targets to holding area.

(c) **The amounts and types of decontaminants removed from such lands:** An estimated 1,564,000 pounds of ordnance scrap and 3,833,000 pounds of target scrap are in B-19 holding area.

(d) **The estimated types and amounts of residual contamination on such lands:** An estimated 15,791,000 pounds of surface ordnance scrap, and 33,721,000 pounds of subsurface ordnance scrap.

(e) **An estimate of the costs for full decontamination on such lands and the estimate of the time to complete such decontamination (Surface and Subsurface):** Surface and subsurface full decontamination of B-19 estimated at $15,745,000 where subsurface decontamination would be to 18-inch depth, which would allow grazing only. Estimate two years to complete.

(2) Decontamination effort proposed for fiscal year 2003.

(a) Estimate $122,000 available in 2003 for decontamination.

D. BRAVO-20

(1) Decontamination effort for fiscal year 2002:

(a) **Amounts appropriated and obligated or expended for decontamination of such lands:** $78,500

(b) **The methods used to decontaminate such lands:** Detonate in place, remove scrap ordnance to holding area, and remove scrap targets to holding area.

(c) **The amounts and types of decontaminants removed from such lands:** An estimated 979,000 pounds of ordnance scrap and 794,000 pounds of target scrap are in B-20 holding area.

(d) **The estimated types and amounts of residual contamination on such lands:** An estimated 14,200,000 pounds of surface ordnance scrap, and 41,030,000 pounds of subsurface ordnance scrap.

(e) **An estimate of the costs for full decontamination on such lands and the estimate of the time to complete such decontamination (Surface and Subsurface):** Surface and subsurface full decontamination of B-20 estimated to be in excess of $100,000,000. Time to complete unknown.

(2) Decontamination effort proposed for fiscal year 2003.

(a) Estimate $78,500 available in 2003 for decontamination.