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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Determination Documentation of the Preliminary Assessment (PA) / Site Inspection (SI) for Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, Vermont

1. References:

a. HQDA, ASA-IE&E, SAIE-ZA, memorandum (Army Environmental Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Policy), 8 January 2021

b. DoDM 4715.20 (Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Management), 9 March 2012, incorporating Change 1, 31 August 2018

c. OSD, memorandum (Investigating Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances within the Department of Defense Cleanup Program), 15 September 2021

d. AR 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement)

e. Final Preliminary Assessment Report Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, Vermont Perfluorooctane-Sulfonic Acid (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Impacted Sites ARNG Installations, Nationwide, April 2019

f. Final Site Inspection Report Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Vermont Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Impacted Sites ARNG Installations, Nationwide, August 2021

2. The requirement for an environmental response to potential and/or known releases of PFAS under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) for the DERP is established in References 1.a through 1.d.

3. This memorandum documents the determinations reached at the conclusion of the PA/SI phases in accordance with the Department of Defense (DoD) DERP Management manual (DERP Management; Reference 1.b). When concluding the PA/SI phase of the CERCLA process, the Army National Guard (ARNG) must formally document a determination for each site in accordance with paragraph 4.b.(2)(b) of Enclosure 3 of DoDM 4715.20. The potential options are as follows: 1) No need for

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action; 2) Need for a removal action, but not a remedial action; or, 3) Need for Remedial Investigation (RI)/Feasibility Study (FS). This Technical Memorandum documents the ARNG's determination related to the PFAS PA/SI at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Vermont. The need for a RI is based upon the following media-specific risk screening levels, as directed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment (Reference 1.c): Groundwater: PFOS: 40 nanograms per liter (ng/L) (40 parts per trillion (ppt)), PFOA: 40 ng/L (40 ppt), PFBS: 600 ng/L (600 ppt); Soil: PFOS: 130 micrograms per kilogram (μ g/kg), PFOA: 130 μ g/kg, PFBS: 1,900 μ g/kg.

4. The PFAS Preliminary Assessment at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, VT, finalized in April 2019, Reference 1.e, concluded further inspection is warranted at one Area of Interest (AOI) due to potential release(s) of PFAS to the environment from the use or storage of PFAS-containing materials, such as Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) or waxes associated with the Biathlon facility at Camp Ethan Allen.

5. The PFAS Site Inspection at Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, finalized in August 2021, Reference 1.f, concluded that further inspection under CERCLA is not warranted at the one area of interest (AOI) due to concentrations of PFOA, PFOS or PFBS in groundwater and soils below the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) screening values in Reference 1.c. Concentrations of PFAS equal to or exceeding the screening levels established by OSD in Reference 1.c were not found at the one AOI. It should be noted that the drinking water well, co-located with this one AOI and associated with the Camp Ethan Allen biathlon facility has PFOS/PFOA concentrations that exceed the state of Vermont's drinking water values and has been taken out of service.

6. The determination for NFA, progressing to RI, or implementing a Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA) is made independently for each of the AOIs at the subject facility based on the data collected during the SI.

7. Army National Guard Installations and Environment Division, Environmental Cleanup and Restoration Branch (ARNG G-9) hereby confirms the recommendations from the SI by formalizing the following decision(s) for each AOI at Camp Ethan Allen, VT LA:

a. AOI 1, Biathlon Facility: No further action.

8. Appropriate coordination regarding this determination has occurred between ARNG-Office of General Counsel (OGC) and ARNG G-9.

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9. The point of contact for this action is Mr. David Connolly, PFAS Program Manager, <u>david.m.connolly8.civ@mail.mil</u>, or 703-607-7589.

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Per- And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) PA/SI Determination Summary

Camp Ethan Allen Training Site, Jericho, VT

Location		Preliminary Assessment (PA)		Site Inspection (SI)	
AOI #	Area Description	Conclusion	Determination	Conclusion	Determination
1	Biathlon Facility	Sufficient evidence of a potential PFAS release warranting further investigation	Proceed with SI	Release of PFAS into environmental media not confirmed above screening levels	No further action