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## **Army Resumes Work at Former Ft. McClellan**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.— The Army and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) reached an agreement in principle yesterday to resolve a dispute and to resume clearance of unexploded ordnance (UXO) at the former Ft. McClellan near Anniston, Ala. Tetra Tech Foster Wheeler, Inc. (TtFW) will complete the cleanup work under contract with the Army.

ADEM had previously issued a stop-work order to the Army and required corrective actions based on reports that ordnance had been improperly handled. The Army and TtFW immediately took corrective actions, investigated the matter, and, when unable to reach an agreement on procedures to satisfy all requirements of the Order, requested a hearing to allow continued discussions.

Meanwhile, negotiations continued with ADEM in an effort to amicably settle the matter prior to a hearing, said Dan Copeland, project manager for the Ordnance and Explosives Design Center at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville.

Under terms of the agreement, the Army Corps of Engineers and TtFW will complete their project within six months. Areas previously cleared during the past six months will be inspected by the Army, TtFW and ADEM, using a random sample quality control process. TtFW will also handle UXO scrap disposal.

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“Rest assured that the Army will continue to work together with ADEM and TtFW, as we have always done, to comply with all applicable state and federal laws and the terms of our agreement. We are strongly committed to conducting thorough and safe operations at the Ft. McClellan site and at all of our other projects around the world,” said Dan Coberly, public affairs officer for the Army’s Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

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