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Dear Professor Lenarcic:

This letter is in response to your request of January 18, 1984, concerning the usage of 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) at Fort Drum (FD) and information pertaining to the format of the exploratory survey which will be managed by this Agency.

The exploratory survey at FD has been designed to determine whether or not site specific contaminants are migrating or have the potential to migrate beyond the installation's boundaries. Groundwater, surface water, sediment, and soil samples will be taken from potential source areas and analyzed to determine the presence of chemical contamination. The data generated by this sampling and analysis program will be used to assess any environmental or health hazard caused by existing or potential contamination. Upon evaluation of these data, additional work or corrective actions may be warranted. The exploratory survey is planned to begin in May 1984 and continue for approximately nine to ten months.

During the course of the exploratory survey, herbicide 2,4,5-T will be analyzed for by collecting samples from potential source areas. According to interviews obtained during a preliminary installation evaluation conducted in 1980, this particular herbicide was used on the range impact areas to improve the line of vision from observation points to target impact areas. The herbicide was also used to control brush along roads in the main impact area. Interviews indicate 2,4,5-T was utilized during the 1960's through the early 1970's.



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I hope this information answers your questions and I appreciate your interest in the Army's effort to protect the environment at FD.

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