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**FOI/PA REQUEST**

**Case No.:** 2004-0295  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency  
Attn: FOIA/PA Officer  
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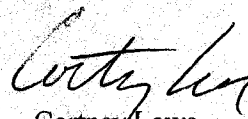
RE: Official Request for Information Based on the Freedom of Information Act

Dear FOIA/PA Officer:

EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc. (EA) is under contract to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, to investigate the status of properties that were formerly used by the Department of Defense (DOD) under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) program. DERP-FUDS was authorized by Congress under the 1984 Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act and requires the DOD to investigate formerly used military sites for environmental liabilities associated with former DOD site use. EA is currently investigating the former Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories (DOFL) and Harry Diamond Laboratories (HDL) under the DERP-FUDS program. The subject property is located on approximately 35 acres north of Van Ness Street in Washington, D.C. The National Bureau of Standards (NBS), a Department of Commerce agency, operated an Ordnance Development Division for the Department of Defense (DOD) from 1940 until 1953 on the subject property. In 1953, the subject property was transferred to the DOD and the site became known as the DOFL. The DOFL was subsequently operated by the DOD from approximately 1953 until 1962. In 1962, the DOFL was transferred to the Army Material Command and renamed the HDL. The site was used primarily for the development and research of proximity fuzes, electronic components and systems, power supply ability, and pioneering in the science of fluidics with applications to medicine, ordnance, control systems, and computers. However, NBS facilities were also associated with the early development of the atomic energy program and the Manhattan Project and thus this facility may have been associated with this program. Also, a review of a 1953 and 1967 map indicate that radioactive material may have been stored on the subject property. The subject property was vacated in a three phased approach beginning in 1972 and completed in 1976.

EA respectfully requests information that you may have on file for this site. Please contact me at (410) 771-4950 in order to schedule an appointment when I may review available files or so that copies of available files may be sent to me. I appreciate your assistance in this matter and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Cortney Lowe  
Project Geologist

cc: Project File