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Mr. Dennis Rathbun
Director of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Mr. Ralph L. Harding of Bryan, Ohio, has provided me with the enclosed copy of his letter to the Secretary of the Army regarding the problems he feels exist with the Army Reserve Unit based in Bryan, Ohio. In addition, I am enclosing the response I have received on his behalf from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

I am writing to apprise you of his concerns regarding the storage of radioactive materials in a residential area. I would appreciate your reviewing his letter and providing any information with which I may respond to Mr. Harding's complaint. Please forward your report to my Port Clinton office. Should you need further information, you may contact my office at (419) 734-1999.

Thank you for your attentiveness to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Gillmor
Member of Congress

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July 30, 1992

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Secretary of Army
Michael P.W. Stone
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stone:

We have a situation in Bryan that needs to be changed. An Army Corps of Engineers Reserve Unit has been based here in the middle of a public park for 35 years. A very nice building involved was erected for community use but over the years the Reserve has encroached upon original arrangement resulting in a current complete control of the building. Originally a small group of Reservists met one Sunday a month. Now there is a much heavier schedule and more personnel.

The same condition has existed with the parking area. They have repeatedly expanded by spreading gravel on park areas, putting up chain fences, etc. The residents on John Street and Oakwood Avenue have an unobstructed view of this unsightly encampment...dirty trucks, piles of gravel, storage bins containing equipment brought here from other installations. Keep in mind, this is a residential area with children playing in the streets. Various warning signs are in place including one on the building reading DANGER RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL STORED INSIDE.

The equipment they are using is Circa WW1...speaking as a WW1 engineer. The rolling stock seldom goes anywhere but they rev engines and blow horns and large black clouds of deisel fumes float over everything. There is a thin layer of deisel fuel on everyone's windows and sills. We also have a swimming pool with deisel residue floating on top. Thus this particular Reserve Unit is a big part of urban blight and noise and smoke pollution.

This ever-expanding military unit should not be sandwiched between a public park and a nice residential area. Seldom if ever are two parties involved in a situation such as this when everyone will be satisfied with a decision to move the Army. The Engineers will be much happier and perhaps more effective in surroundings more fitted to their needs. The citizens of Bryan will be delighted to get their park back.

Yours very Truly,

Ralph L. Harding

cc: Bryan Mayor, Bill Runkle
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Ralph L. Harding



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George V. Voinovich

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November 30, 1992

Representative Paul E. Gillmor
5th District, Ohio
120 Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Dear Representative Gillmor:

I am responding to your letter of November 3, 1992, pertaining to correspondence from Ralph L. Harding to the Secretary of the Army. Mr. Harding alleges that the Army Corps of Engineers Reserve Unit has created various problems in the community. The problems that he has stated are not problems which can be addressed by the Ohio EPA.

The storage of radioactive materials is an issue for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Ohio EPA does not regulate storage of these materials.

The diesel truck emissions reported by Mr. Harding may constitute a nuisance condition which would require further documentation to prove that a nuisance exists. However, the diesel truck emissions are unregulated (as there is no provision in either federal or state law that controls these emissions). We will report this complaint to the Army Reserve Unit and ask that they evaluate alternatives to reduce diesel emissions in the neighborhood. We will inform you of the results of this request as it may lead to a quicker and more satisfactory solution to the problem than pursuing a nuisance investigation.

I hope that this satisfies your request. Please contact me if you or your staff have additional information.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Hammett
District Chief

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