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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

February 27, 2017

Indian River County

Programs and Project Management Division
Military/Interagency and International Services Branch

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Indian River County
1801 27th St
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Office of the
County Administrator

RE: Property Located at Islands Vero Beach, FL 32963
Parcel Number: 33402800000004000001.0

Dear Property Owner(s):

You may be aware that the military trained in coastal Indian River and St. Lucie counties during World War II. The Fort Pierce Naval Amphibious Training Base was a 19,280-acre site that extended approximately 25 miles from near Vero Beach to near Jensen Beach and included North and South Hutchinson Islands. The Army and Navy used the beaches to train for amphibious landings. Once the war was over, the military no longer needed the site, and the land was returned to the original owners. (Please see the enclosed fact sheet.)

Over the years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has conducted a number of studies to determine how the military used the area and if anything remains from their training. A Site Inspection, which was completed in 2015, confirmed there is the potential for munitions to be present in three areas where the military trained: Project 02 Engineering Board Area, Project 03 Naval Demolition Research Area, and Project 05 Offshore Obstacle Area. Therefore, the Corps is doing a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study in these areas. The purpose of a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study is to determine if anything remains in the area from the military's training, and if so, in what amounts and locations. The Corps will use the results of this investigation to determine future action.

Your property is within Project 02 (Indian River). This does not mean we have information indicating there is something on your property. Rather, the Corps is following the federally mandated processes of evaluating Formerly Used Defense Sites to ensure public safety.

The Corps will be requesting permission from property owners within the areas to be investigated. Should we need access to your property, we will send you a letter with a right-of-entry form.

The Corps understands the importance of having the public actively participate in the remedial process and is considering establishing a Restoration Advisory Board. The board would include members of the impacted community, local government representatives, environmental regulators and the Corps' project manager. Board members would review and comment on plans and technical documents related to the

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environmental studies and restoration activities. Members would serve as voluntary liaisons between the community and the Corps and would receive no compensation for their service. The Corps will continue to keep the public informed throughout the process even if a Restoration Advisory Board is not formed.

The project documents that are used to determine the appropriate response action (collectively referred to as an Administrative Record file) are available for review in the

Because of how the military trained, there is the potential for munitions to be present. They may not be easily recognizable, and they could be dangerous. Remember the 3Rs of explosive safety: Recognize, Retreat, Report. Recognize the item may be dangerous. Retreat and do not touch, kick or move it. Report its location by calling 9-1-1 immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, are interested in serving on a Restoration Advisory Board, or wish to comment on the Administrative Record file, please call 866.279.4880 or e-mail FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure