

Appendix J

Example of Invitation to Participate in the Munitions and
Explosives of Concern (MEC) School Safety Program



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT ORD OFFICE, ARMY BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE
P.O. BOX 5008, BUILDING #4463 GIGLING ROAD
MONTEREY, CA 93944-5008

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

BRAC Environmental

SEP 02 2004

Victoria Palminteri
Manzanita Elementary
1720 Yosemite St.
Seaside, CA 93955

Dear Ms. Palminteri:

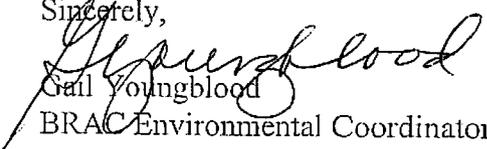
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Please consider making time for this presentation to the children in your school. With a minimum of one-week notice, we will schedule the program at your convenience. If you want to review or schedule this program, contact please contact Melissa Broadston at email Melissa.Broadston@monterey.army.mil or by phone at (831) 393-1284. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Claire Trombadore, Viola Cooper, and Martin Hausladen of the U.S Environmental Protection Agency; Kris Escarda and Roman Racca of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control; and Grant Himebaugh of the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Sincerely,


Gail Youngblood
BRAC Environmental Coordinator



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Mr. Darren Sylvia, Principal
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School
1713 Broadway Ave.
Seaside, CA 93955

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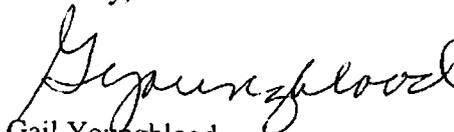
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