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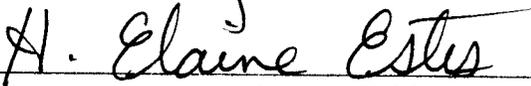
STATE OF ALABAMA  
CALHOUN COUNTY

Personally appeared before me Phillip A. Sanguinetti, who being duly sworn, makes oath that he is President of THE ANNISTON STAR, a daily newspaper published in Anniston, Alabama, and that the attached notice ran as follows:

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NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U. S. Army will undertake a removal action in accordance with the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in advance of a signed Action Memorandum. The removal action will be a clearance to depth. The parcel encompasses 61 acres located between the "Y" junction of the proposed Eastern Bypass highway project right-of-way (ROW) along the south, southeast, and Southwest boundary and the Summerall Gate Road to the north. The Ordinance Explosive (OE) within this area has been characterized by the performance of an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) that is currently in draft-final form. Under the current project schedule, the final removal action on this parcel would not begin until March of 2004, or possibly later. Delaying the OE removal action until after the EE/CA review process is complete will significantly impact/delay construction along the Eastern Bypass highway project and will further delay the development of the former Fort McClellan residential area for additional one to one-and-one half years. The use of the advance removal action will provide both savings in future costs and minimize potential impacts to re-development of all surrounding properties. The removal action currently proposed in the draft-final EE/CA is clearance to depth. The estimated start date for this removal action is early March 2003 with completion expected by February 2004. Point of Contact for this action is Mr. Paul James, Fort McClellan Transition Force, 291 Jimmy Parks Blvd., Fort McClellan, AL 36205-5000. Feb. 3, 2003