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RE: Eglin Air Force Base FL8570024366, Operation Permit 006176-HO-009

Dear Ms. Roston and Ms. Kiely:

Thank you for your letter received by the Department on February 13, 2020. The Department has previously discussed some of the issues you raise, such as additional site assessment and monitoring, with Eglin representatives. I'm sure that you recognize the inherent difficulties and safety issues associated with environmental assessment on active bombing ranges.

As you are probably aware, Eglin Air Force Base has submitted a renewal permit application for the continued operation of their Open Burn/Open Detonation units. You can track the progress of the permit renewal process through OCULUS, the Department's electronic repository. Public access for OCULUS can be found at:
<https://depedsms.dep.state.fl.us/Oculus/servlet/login>. You can access Eglin's documents using the EPA ID number FL8570024366.

The Department will take your comments into consideration as we process the application.

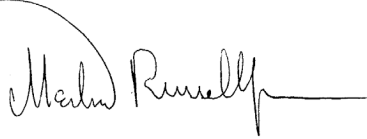
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If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me at 850-245-8796 or merlin.russell@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Merlin Russell", followed by a horizontal line.

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