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Defense Base Closure and Realignment  
Commission (BRAC)  
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Attn: Mr. Phillip E. Coyle, III

Dear Mr. Coyle,

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Briefly outlined are a few of those determinants:

- Chemicals existing and found in the APG base and surrounding areas;  
-CYANIDE, PERCHLOATE, MUSTARD AGENTS, NERVE AGENTS, MTBE, TCE.
- Ground water contaminants:  
-ABERDEEN, MD AND MANY COUNTY PUBLIC SUPPLY WELLS ARE COMPROMISED AND, IN A FEW LOCATIONS, SHUT DOWN.
- Munitions that are considered unstable and can not be safely removed are covered with a tent and foam in hope nature will neutralize them.
- There exists a "restricted water zone" at APG, boaters are not permitted in that zone; caution is exercised in eating seafood from enclosed rivulets. Oysters?
- Pressurized school rooms are provided as well as emergency delineated escape routes.
- Quality of education-schools not measuring up to state and federal standards.

The above concerns and hazards are weighty, I ask that the following sources be contacted to affirm and to acquire additional information on the above made points.

After the years being an area resident and in an effort to become informed of my community's "Quality of Life": I believe APG is a continued threat.

Aberdeen Proving Ground is a toxic cesspool.

Very truly yours,

  
Charles G. Grace Sr.  
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410-879-0751

SOURCES:

APG SUPERFUND CITIZENS COALITION  
C/O DEPT PATHOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
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