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All: I have been holding off sending this e-mail until many of the current changes became clearer, but I feel I need to inform you now as to some of those changes.

As you already know, we were shocked and saddened by Rich Cruz's sudden and unexpected passing. His long time co-worker, Ricky Albrecht, has assumed his duties. Ricky worked extensively with Rich at Fort Wingate, so he is familiar with the installation and many of the on-going actions. However, some things he will be learning "on-the-job" as actions pop up. Please contact him if you need assistance with any on-the-ground Fort Wingate actions.

There has been a shuffling of assignments within the Deputy Chief of Staff G-9 organization, and the former BRAC Division has now become a branch of the Army Environmental Division under COL Brandye Williams. Dick Ramsdell from the Army Secretariat Environmental Office has assumed duties of the BRAC Branch Chief. All of the shuffling and new office relationships has meant the Fort Wingate Team has had to bring all the new leadership "up to speed" concerning on-going actions and get their views and approvals. We have several actions and replies to your e-mails that I hope we will be sending to you soon, once we receive the appropriate approvals.

Another significant change is that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) support for Fort Wingate is now being shifted from the Fort Worth District to the Albuquerque District. This is an attempt by USACE to better align support for installations to those districts within the installation's state where possible. As a result of this action, Mike Falcone, our new Fort Wingate Program Manager (replacing Steve Smith, who retired), will be turning the reins over to Alan Soicher of the Albuquerque District. Alan has worked at Fort Wingate before, so is familiar with the installation and many of the ongoing programs. Mike is quickly bringing him up to speed, and all programmatic functions are being shifted from Fort Worth to Albuquerque. It is expected that this transition will be fully in place by the end of 2021.

Thank you, and hope all of you are well and staying safe.

v/r,

George