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is willing to remove or destroy any potentially dangerous materials that may be discovered in the future, subject to the availability of funds.

**§ 644.529 Supplemental agreement with owner of contaminated leased land.**

In the event that it becomes necessary to pay damages to a lessor in lieu of restoration *i.e.*, decontamination, the following clause, appropriately modified to fit the circumstances, will be made a part of the supplemental agreement terminating the lease and effecting monetary settlement in lieu of restoration. Additionally, in order to protect the Government from possible claims for damages from future purchasers, the executed supplemental agreement will, in those jurisdictions permitting recordation, be recorded by the DE thus providing legal notice to subsequent purchasers of the condition of the premises.

**SUGGESTED CLAUSES FOR USE IN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Whereas, by reason of the use made of the premises by the Government it is impossible to ascertain after completion of decontamination operations by the Government that the following described portion of land is safe for unrestricted use by the lessor (or state because of use made by Government that use of land must be restricted to grazing, etc.):

(Legal Description; utilize hachured/annotated map(s) as attachment plus legal description.)

Now, therefore, in consideration of the payment by the Government of the United States to the lessor, (Name of Lessor), of dollars (\$ ), representing the estimated compensation to which the lessor is entitled by reason of the loss of the unrestricted use of the above described property, the lessor hereby releases the Government from all claims for damages to property and/or injury to persons which may arise out of the existence on the premises of unexploded ammunition or chemical/biological agents. It is mutually understood, however, that for a period of 25 years from the date hereof, the Government shall, upon request of the lessor, remove or destroy any potentially dangerous materials that may be discovered on the land, provided that adequate appropriations are available to cover the cost of such service. (If use of the land is restricted to surface use, the lessor should agree and covenant,

in consideration of the payment, to use the land for such purposes only.)

**§ 644.530 Conditions in conveying land suspected of contamination.**

The following conditions, appropriately modified to conform to local law, will be included in deeds conveying land which is, or is suspected of being, contaminated with explosive or toxic materials and is restricted to surface use: (GSA should be requested to include these conditions in deeds that they prepare.)

Whereas, said property was a part of (Name of Installation) , a military installation used for , and portions of this property were subject to contamination by the introduction into the said installation of bombs, shells and other charges (insert reference to toxic chemical/biological agents, if applicable) either below or upon the surface thereof; and

Whereas, the grantor has caused the property to be inspected and has decontaminated the said property to the extent deemed reasonably necessary, and, to the extent deemed consistent with sound economic limitations, has cleared the property of all dangerous and explosive materials and/or chemical/biological agents, reasonably possible to detect, and has made certain recommendations pertaining to the use to which the land may be devoted, and the said recommendations are contained in a statement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

Whereas, the grantor, by attaching such statement, does not intend to make, nor shall it be construed to have made, any representations or warranties pertaining to the condition of the land; and

Whereas, the hereinafter-designated grantee has entered into a contract to purchase said property with full knowledge of, and notwithstanding the foregoing recitals which are incorporated for the purpose of disclosing the former use made of the property herein-after described; and

Whereas, by acceptance of this instrument, the grantee admits and confesses to full knowledge with respect to the facts contained in the foregoing recitals as to possible contaminated condition of the property;

Now, therefore, by acceptance of this instrument, and as a further consideration for this conveyance, the grantee here covenants and agrees for himself, his heirs, successors, or assigns, to assume all risk for all personal injuries and property damages arising out of ownership, maintainance, use, and occupation of the foregoing property; and further covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the United States of America, its servants, agents, officers, and employees, against any and all liability,

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claims, causes of action, or suits, due to, arising out of, or resulting from, immediately or remotely, the possible contaminated condition, ownership, use, occupation, or presence of the grantee, or any other person, upon the property, lawfully or otherwise.

**§ 644.531 Warning to public of danger in handling explosive missiles.**

When any land which has been contaminated with explosive objects, or chemical/biological agents, is released for disposal to, or use by, the general public in addition to the clearance statement furnished to the disposal agency, the DE will publicize, to the fullest extent practicable, the possibility of contaminants remaining on the land and the inherent danger of handling explosives or other contaminants. Such publication should be in the form of articles in official news media, or posting of the premises whenever the later is considered most feasible. Such publicity should include instructions that, in the event of the discovery of an explosive missile, or an object resembling an explosive missile, or other contaminant, or in the event of an injury caused by an explosion or exposure to toxic agents, such discovery or injury should be reported immediately to the DE. An effort should be made to obtain the cooperation of local law enforcing agencies to insure the prompt reporting of an accident, or the discovery of an explosive missile. The majority of accidents are the result of the removal of explosive missiles by individuals for sale to scrap dealers. Scrap dealers in the vicinity of contaminated lands should be informed of the inherent dangers and asked to cooperate by refusing to buy military scrap from private parties.

**§ 644.532 Reporting accidents.**

Immediately upon receipt of information of an accident involving, or appearing to involve, explosive or chemical/biological elements remaining on, or carried from an excess or surplus installation, whether under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers, other Government agency, or sold or returned to public or private owners, the DE will institute an investigation and prepare a report prescribed by AR 385-40 and OCE Supplement thereto. Fur-

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ther, upon determination that an accident has occurred, the former using command should be requested to send qualified explosive, chemical or biological specialists to the scene of the accident immediately, in order that proper corrective measures to eliminate future accidents may be instituted. HQDA (DAEN-REM) will be immediately informed, by teletype, of any accidents due to explosives on lands which have been used by the Department involving injuries to persons and/or animals, or damages to private property.

**§ 644.533 Contamination discovered after return of land to owner, or sale.**

When land has been previously declared clear of explosives or other dangerous material so as to be safe for all uses and disposed of, but is later found to have been contaminated to such an extent that, in his opinion, it is dangerous to the public, the DE will request the former using command to re-examine the land for the purpose of determining the extent to which the original Statement of Clearance should be revised and to determine the kind and cost of any further clearance work by the using command which would be required to place the property in the condition set forth in the original Statement of Clearance. If further clearance work is necessary and considered economically justified, the DE will request the using command to perform such work and furnish a new Statement of Clearance and record of the further clearance effected. If further clearance work is not considered economically justified, he will make a report thereof to DAEN-REM with his recommendations and pertinent supporting data. Recommendation for re-acquisition of contaminated lands will be limited to those which involve full restrictions of both surface and subsurface uses. Where subsurface use of lands only is to be restricted, it is preferable to make compensation to the owners through claim procedure, when and if instituted by the owner on his own initiative.