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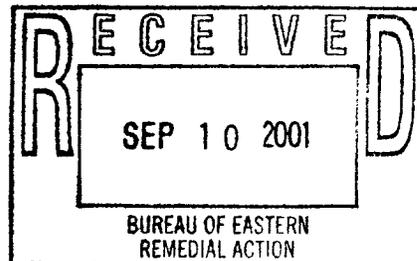
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RE: Northrop Grumman Site
Bethpage, New York

Dear Mr. Scharf,

Based upon the DEC letter of July 20, 2001 regarding the Massapequa Water District comments to DEC, dated May 11, 2001 (D & B letter from T. Maher on our behalf attached), the DEC comments are unsatisfactory. Regarding Bullet 8 and Bullet 10 comments of the EPA "Summary of the Selected Remedy" for Operable Unit 2, although we agree that a recommendation for a TAC being formed is positive, we clearly want the Massapequa Water District representation on that TAC. Therefore, DEC should add that the Massapequa Water District will be a member of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Regarding Bullet 10 of Section 8, the ROD is unsatisfactory. It has taken EPA and DEC over 25 years to proceed to the current status and: that during that time the plumes leading edge has infiltrated south of Hempstead Turnpike; and that during that time frame numerous public drinking water wells have been either contaminated in whole or in part; and since it may take DEC several more years to commence recovery and treatment of that contamination; and further that the break away plume is not being recovered and treated by this ROD and will most probably impact the Massapequa Water Districts' North West Wellfield

Based on the foregoing facts, we require the following:

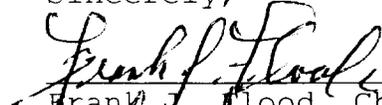
- A) Money be set aside in a fund for the purpose of

construction of a treatment plant of a minimum of 5 MGD capacity, either at our Northwest Site or where ever the plume impacts us.

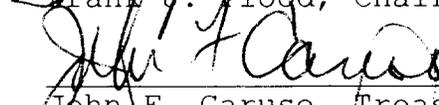
- B) That the ROD allow for O & M costs for a period of at least 25 years to own and operate and maintain the treatment plant facility based on EPA/DEC requirements for treatment during that future time.
- c) That a groundwater model be programmed and run during the year 2002 with the sole purpose of predicting the probability of when the Massapequa Water District will be impacted.
- D) Based on item C, a present worth analysis be conducted to determine how much money should be set aside by the EPA and as part of the ROD in 2003 to cover items A and B.

We require this because as a Sole Source Aquifer, to date EPA and DEC has not shown urgency in its utilization of the superfund monies for the numerous contamination sites in and adjacent to the Massapequa Water District. (See the attached D & B report) Further, the mere fact that the ROD is using language such as "if after a reasonable time frame Northrop Grumman and/or the Department of the Navy fail to meet their obligationsetc, the NYS Superfundetc ". A reasonable time frame has passed several years ago and we need the U.S. Government in the form of the DOD, GSA, or EPA to simply clean the site up to drinking water standards and fund any and all contamination clean up caused by this site into the future.

Sincerely,



Frank J. Flood, Chairman



John F. Caruso, Treasurer



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CC: The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
The Honorable Peter T. King

(enclosures)