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LETTER FROM U S NAVY REGARDING INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL SITES INTO
INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM NWIRP BETHPAGE NY
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From: Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities
Engineering Command

To: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (Attn: AIR -8.0Y2)

Subj: INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL SITES INTO NWIRP BETHPAGE IRP

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRSYSCOM ltr 4820 Ser AIR-8.2/2007 of 2 Feb 99 (w/encl)
(b) CNO ltr 5090 Ser N453D/8U596098 of 28 Sep 98 (w/encls)

1. Reference (a) requested that NORTHNAVFACENCOM accept several additional candidate sites into NWIRP Bethpage's Installation Restoration (IR) Program. Those candidate sites are designated as AOC 22 - Petroleum Storage Tanks, AOC 35 - Drying Beds, AOC 30 - Storage Sheds, Drywell 20-08, Drywell 20-13, Drywell 34-07 and, the Former Drum Marshaling Area-Site. For clarification, the Former Drum Marshaling Area-Site is already included in NWIRP Bethpage's IR Program and is designated as IR Site 1.

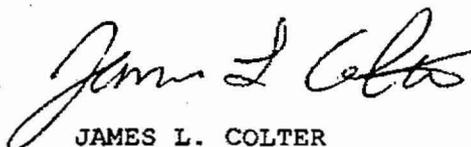
2. Recently promulgated guidance regarding acceptance of additional sites into the Navy's IR Program, contained in reference (b), states that "For all "new" sites identified by new Navy studies, regulatory documents, etc. subsequent to this clarification, it will have to be clearly proven that the contamination occurred prior to 17 Oct 86 before those sites will be considered eligible for ER,N funding." Information contained in Northrop Grumman's Site Assessment Reports for NWIRP Bethpage, and referenced in the Navy's Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS), supports the claim that contamination at these sites occurred prior to 17 Oct 86 and, therefore, meets the eligibility criteria of reference (b) for ER,N funding.

3. In addition, the Navy is currently subject to the contents of a Record of Decision dated May 1995 between NAVAIR and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), which states that soils contaminated with metals and PCBs at IR Site 1 are to be excavated and properly disposed. Furthermore, due to both the proximity of the candidate sites to IR Site 1, and the similar nature of the contaminants, inclusion of these areas into the Navy's IR Program is warranted.

4. Based on the above, Northern Division agrees with the recommended changes to Contract N00019-95-E0043, Modification P00009 regarding "Contractor Post Termination Responsibilities" and endorses NAVAIR's request to include the candidate sites identified above, into NWIRP Bethpage's IR Program. Northern Division will forward the appropriate information to NAVFACENCOM headquarters, requesting their approval.

5. Pending approval by NAVFACENGCOMHQ, AOCs 30 and 35 will be included as part of IR Site 1. Due to their location adjacent to Site 1, new IR Site numbers do not need to be assigned. However, new IR Site numbers will be assigned to AOC 22 and Drywells 20-08 and 34-07. Drywell 20-13 will be included in the Navy's IR Program, if appropriate, based on the results of additional confirmation sampling requested by NYSDEC that is to be conducted by Northrop Grumman.

6. Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please give me a call at (610) 595-0567, extension 163.



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By direction