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Department of the Navy  
Attn: Mr. James L. Colter  
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
10 Industrial Highway  
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Re: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage, New York  
Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 2 - Groundwater

Dear Mr. Colter:

This is regarding the above referenced draft-final document dated January 2003 prepared for NWIRP Bethpage by the Engineering Field Activity, Northeast, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Lester, Pennsylvania. The following comments were discussed during our January 29, 2003 meeting with NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

#### SECTION 6: SUMMARY OF THE REMEDIATION GOALS

Among the goals selected for the site, the Navy does not include the following goal which was included in the March 2001 ROD for Operable unit 2 - Groundwater prepared by NYSDEC:

Eliminate, to the extent practicable, the offsite migration of soils contamination entering the groundwater.

This omission should be evaluated and corrected if necessary.

#### SECTION 7: SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The selected remedy is Alternative 3 and is summarized on page 21, but omits the components F, G and H as follows:

F. Long-Term Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring (OM&M) of the GM-38 Remedy

G. Development and Implementation of a Public Water Supply Well Contingency Plan

H. Department of the Navy Implementation of "Non-Detect" Policy for Affected Public Water Supplies

The text should be corrected.

#### SECTION 8: SUMMARY OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The second paragraph on page 29 describes the remedy to include long-term groundwater monitoring including monitored natural attenuation. However, the March 2001 ROD for Operable unit 2 - Groundwater prepared by NYSDEC mentions long term monitoring of the groundwater. This discrepancy should be looked into and corrected if necessary.

An electronic copy of this letter will be sent to you today. If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 637-4322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Struble". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: S. Scharf, NYSDEC