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Dear Dr. Jordan:

Subj: Draft Phase 2 Remedial Investigation/Focused Feasibility Study (RI/FFS)
Report for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 1 - Northeast Pond
Disposal Area; Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP)
Calverton, New York

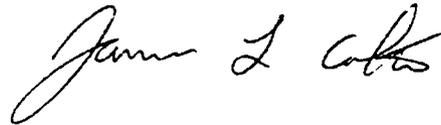
Due to your agency's previous participation as a member of the Navy's Technical Review Committee (TRC) for NWIRP Calverton, the Navy is forwarding the enclosed Draft Phase 2 Remedial Investigation/Focused Feasibility Study (RI/FFS) Report for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 1 - Northeast Pond Disposal Area. The Navy would like to solicit any comments that The Nature Conservancy may have regarding the remedial alternatives described in Sections 5 through 7 of the enclosed document due to your specific interest in the Northeast Pond Disposal Area's wetlands and potential presence of endangered species. It is requested that this report be reviewed and any comments be forwarded to me no later than August 31, 2001.

Information regarding this site was previously forwarded to The Nature Conservancy for review in a report dated January 19, 1998. Subsequently, the Navy decided to pursue stabilization of the landfill's bank since erosion of the bank into the adjacent wetland was continuing to contribute contamination to the wetland sediments and also presenting an unsafe environment. Accordingly, the Navy finalized an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Estimate (EECA) in September 2000 outlining different alternatives for bank stabilization that was also sent to The Nature Conservancy.

However, it has since been brought to the Navy's attention that due to a significant decrease in landfill charges around the country, that it might now be more economical to pursue full landfill excavation thereby eliminating any and all long-term maintenance and liability on the Navy's part. As such, the Navy has prepared this report that discusses three potential alternatives for remediation of the Site 1 landfill. Those alternatives include the no action alternative, bank stabilization as described in the September 2000 EECA with a NYSDEC Part 360 cap, and full landfill excavation with offsite disposal.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the enclosed document further, please give me a call me at (610) 595-0567, extension 163. If you wish to submit your comments electronically, my email address is colterjl@efane.navfac.navy.mil

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: (1) Draft Phase 2 RI and FFS for Site 1

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