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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

May 26, 1999

DW-8J

Mr. Thomas Brent
Environmental Protection Department
Code 095
Naval Surface Warfare Center
300 Highway 361
Crane, Indiana 47522

RE: Background Soil Location Approval
Naval Surface Warfare Center
Crane, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brent:

The purpose of this letter is confirm my verbal approval on May 14, 1999, of the background soil locations to be sampled to establish site-wide soil characteristics naturally occurring at the base. The locations are identified on the May 10, 1999, maps supplied by your contractor. These areas were visually looked at by your contractor Mr. Keith Hehn, yourself and myself on May 14, 1999. We all were in agreement that the locations appear to be undisturbed from any activities that have occurred at the base.

Please incorporate these approved locations into the draft RCRA corrective action background study work plan and Quality Assurance Plans. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-6146 for assistance,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Witt-Smith".

Carol Witt-Smith
Corrective Action Expert
WMB, IL/IN/MI Section

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