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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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

RE: RFI Phase III Ground Water Report
Approval
SWMU 02/11 DBG
Naval Surface Warfare Center
Crane, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brent:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) hereby approves the final report: RCRA Facility Investigation, Phase III Ground Water Release Characterization, for SWMU 02/11 Dye Burial Grounds, dated July 1998. Although organics were analyzed for in the study, they may not truly represent the dyes buried at the site. Further investigation is necessary during the risk assessment scheduled for this year to determine the exact nature and extent of dyes and metals in the ground water. Sampling should include the seep southwest of the Dye Burial Grounds identified in the report. More information is currently known about the disposal area than described in the report, therefore the report should be used to give a historical perspective of the site.

The U.S. Navy has completed the Interim Measure cap for the site. The risk assessment should determine if any further remediation is necessary and how the ground water should be addressed. Because ground water is a U.S. EPA priority for environmental indicators, it is recommended that this facility be kept as a high priority in scheduling and funding.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-6146 for assistance.

Sincerely,

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