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Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Hazardous Waste Permit Section
Office of Land Quality
Attn: Mr. Victor P. Windle, Chief
100 N. Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

Dear Mr. Windle,

Crane Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC Crane) submits the following letter for informational purposes on the updated project schedule for the Ammunition Burning Grounds (ABG) Surface Impoundments (SI) Closure Activities.

In an effort to allow for the concurrent cleanup efforts between closure and Corrective Action for the ABG SIs, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) issued a letter dated April 29, 2004. This letter from your office postponed the deadline for the submittal of the closure report for the ABG SI indefinitely. The letter requested that an updated schedule be submitted annually by May 1. NSWC Crane will continue to submit the requested annual update directly to your office. However, monthly status updates are provided to the Corrective Action Section of the IDEM Office of Land Quality throughout the year.

A project schedule has been enclosed to aid in visualizing the text description below for the anticipated ABG Corrective Action. The Navy submitted the Final Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) Report to IDEM and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V (U.S. EPA) for approval in July 2005. The U.S. EPA approved the RFI in February 2006. The Corrective Measures Study (CMS) for ABG began in June 2004. During the Navy review of the CMS in November 2005, negotiations with the U.S. EPA and IDEM were begun to convert the CMS to a Corrective Measures Proposal (CMP) in order to streamline the Corrective Measures process due to limited practical alternatives for remediation.

It is estimated that the draft CMP is to be offered to IDEM and the U.S. EPA for comment on the proposed remediation recommendation in June 2006; final approval is probable for October 2006. The Corrective Measures Implementation Plan (CMIP) is expected for Navy review in June 2006 and a draft is likely to be submitted to IDEM and the U.S. EPA in September 2006 with

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approval projected for February 2007. The Statement of Basis is then to be written, approved, and public noticed with comment period allowed. Final issuance is hoped for June 2007. Finally, plans for the Long Term Monitoring (LTM) efforts would commence in February 2007 (four years earlier than estimated last year) and terminate under Environmental Restoration Navy funding in September 2012. Any further LTM efforts after September 2012 would be funded from another source.

Therefore, NSWC Crane continues its commitment to continue to track the progress of this project. NSWC Crane will report to IDEM in a timely manner any consensus reached on the CMP in the foreseeable near future.

If you require any further information, my point of contact is Mrs. Christine D. Freeman, Code PRCR4-CF, at 812-854-4423, email christine.freeman@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Project Schedule

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