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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Paul Ingrisano
J. Javits Federal Building
New York, NY 10278

Re: INSTALLATION RESTORATION (IR) PROJECT, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
(NWS) EARLE, COLTS NECK, NJ

Dear Mr. Ingrisano:

This letter is in response to your request for additional sampling at NWS Earle based on recommendations from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

As stated in our 14 September 1991 letter and reiterated in your letter of 6 March 1992, a tentative agreement had been reached between the Navy, EPA Region II, and NOAA in our meeting of 29 August 1991. The sampling we agreed to perform had a direct relationship to an identified IR site. The Navy has taken those additional samples. The compounds found in the surface water and sediment analyses appear to be related to pest control operations and not to known site activities. Background sampling will be performed to confirm this conclusion.

The Navy's approach, with the concurrence of EPA Region II and NJDEPE, has been to identify all areas of potential contamination and to delineate the extent of contamination from the source. NOAA's original request, which you refer to in your letter of 6 March 1992, was not directed toward specific sites in all cases. The Navy does not feel this type of random base-wide sampling is within the scope of the IR program. Therefore, we cannot agree to perform the remaining additional sampling in NOAA's original request within the context of the IR Program.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Mr. John Kolicus at (215) 595-0567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "T. G. Sheckels".

T. G. Sheckels
Head, Restoration Management Section
By direction of the Commanding Officer

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