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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:

Enclosed are responses to EPA's comments for the Phase III - Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), Draft Interim Report for NWS Earle. These responses will be incorporated into the final RI report. Comments which related to issues outside the scope of this phase of the RI will be addressed during the Feasibility Study.

The following site groupings are proposed for the RI Sites based upon similarities in site conditions and contaminants.

Landfill Group - Sites 3,4,5,7 and 10  
Paint Chip Group - Sites 19, 20 and 22

Sites 2, 11 and 26 will continue to be examined separately since each site has some distinct aspect which will need to be considered.

As discussed at the TRC meeting of 9 February 1993 and acknowledged in your letter of 1 March 1993 the Navy intends to perform Interim Removal Actions at Sites 19, 20 and 22 (the Paint Chip Group) as well as SI Sites 24 and 25 (Pistol Ranges). Visible contamination sources at each site will be removed. Soil samples will then be taken to determine residual levels.

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

Sincerely,

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Head, Restoration Management Section  
By direction of the Commanding Officer

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