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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:

As discussed at our meeting on October 7, I would like to propose additional stream and sediment sampling at NWS Earle in response to comments by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) which were endorsed by the Biological Technical Assistance Group.

The Navy's approach in the I.R. program has been to identify all areas of potential contamination and to delineate the extent of contamination from the source. We have taken stream and sediment samples in areas which had a direct relationship to identified IR sites. The compounds found in the analyses appear to be related to pest control operations and not to known site activities. Background samples will be taken to confirm this conclusion.

In addition to the sampling which has been performed, NOAA requested watershed based stream sampling extending beyond NWS Earle boundaries. Although we share NOAA's concern regarding possible cumulative effects, the Navy has serious reservations about off-site sampling which may detect contaminants from outside sources. Therefore I would like to propose stream and sediment sampling at depositional areas on Navy property near the NWS Earle boundaries. If any impact is detected at these sites, off-site sampling would be warranted.

Please consider this proposal and forward it to the appropriate NOAA and BTAG personnel. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (215) 595-0567 ext. 157.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John P. Kolicius".

John P. Kolicius
Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the Commanding Officer

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