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Mr. John Kolicius, Project Manager  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
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Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Proposed Removal Action at Site 20, Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Kolicius:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Navy's draft *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis* for the Site 20 removal action at the NWS Earle Superfund site which was submitted to EPA on September 21, 1994. As part of a comprehensive remedial action for this site, we concur with the Navy's assessment that blasting grit, found in both piles and a drainage swale at Site 20, be removed to prevent potential spreading of contamination to nearby wetlands. The total volume of material to be removed is estimated at 200 yd<sup>3</sup>. Site 20 contains other areas of concern (e.g., an inactive leachfield) that must still be addressed; thus, we do not consider this action to represent a final cleanup decision for this area. However, we believe that this proposed action will be consistent with a final remedy for Site 20. We are very supportive of the Navy's efforts through this removal action to address environmental concerns at NWS Earle.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 264-6667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Gratz".

Jeffrey Gratz, Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Section

cc: B. Marcolina, NJDEP  
G. Hermann, NWS Earle  
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