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Mr. John Kolicius, Project Manager
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Re: Status of Site 8, Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear John:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the following information relating to Site 8 at NWS Earle:

*Initial Assessment Study of Naval Weapons Station Earle (1983),
Construction Borings for Traffic and Railroad Signals Project (1985),
RCRA Facility Assessment, Naval Weapons Station Earle (1988),
Photographic Site Analysis (1991), and
Site 8 Site Investigation Report (1991).*

Based on the information provided in these documents as well as site visits, EPA concurs with the Navy that no threat to human health or the environment is present at Site 8, and that no remedial action is necessary. We note that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection made a similar determination in a letter to the Navy dated January 6, 1992.

The Navy has the option of either developing a Record of Decision for Site 8 or waiting until the formal "delisting" of NWS Earle to address the public participation requirements in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended. In either case, the Navy should place all documents and correspondence relevant to the remedial action determination for Site 8 in the Administrative Record for the NWS Earle facility. To address public concerns earlier rather than later, EPA suggests that the Navy prepare a Proposed Plan/Record of Decision for Site 8 concurrent with decision documents for other sites at NWS Earle.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey Gratz".

Jeffrey Gratz, Project Manager
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