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Mr. John Kolicius, Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Re: Delay of Remedial Action Activities at Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck,
New Jersey

Dear John:

In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) entered into between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Navy for the NWS Earle facility, the Navy shall submit a Remedial Investigation Report on April 30, 1996. Based on my site visit with you on May 18, 1995, it appears that significant field delays are already creeping into the project that, if not held in check, may affect the Navy's ability to meet this deadline. Furthermore, it was apparent that communication breakdown among members of the contractor team is exacerbating the problem. (The purpose of my visit was to oversee the initiation of field activities, which, according to you and the contractor operations leader was to begin that morning; however, the contractor that we spoke with in the field apparently was not aware that sampling was to begin that day. In fact, he implied that his field team would not "get going" for another 2 weeks.)

It is crucial to rectify the above problems immediately so that the overall length of the project is not adversely affected. We request a biweekly schedule be sent to EPA and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that reflects a realistic projection of work to be performed - not a wish list by the operations leader. My initial impression of the Navy's Remedial Investigation contractor was quite positive. I am hopeful that these issues can be quickly resolved and we can get on with what should be a highly productive field season.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 637-4320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Gratz".

Jeffrey Gratz, Project Manager
Federal Facilities Section

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