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Dear Mr. Kolicius:

Re: Proposed Plan - Operable Unit 3 (Site 26)  
Naval Weapons Station Earle  
Colts Neck Twp., Monmouth Co.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has reviewed the above referenced document prepared by Brown & Root Environmental Corporation, dated January 1997. The Department has the following comments:

1. A discussion regarding background metals concentrations relative to the Site 26 has not been made with specific numbers and discussion of background results for the site and for the region. Revise and add appropriate narrative.
2. It appears that Alternative 5 would be a more appropriate choice since contaminants would degrade within 5 years versus a minimum of 45 years for the other alternatives. Alternative 5 is eliminated due to costs. Why are the O&M costs so high for this alternative? A more elaborate cost breakdown for alternative 5 should be provided. Please note that this detailed cost analysis was not provided in the Draft Final FS for Site 26.
3. The Proposed Plan should also list what Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and To Be Considered (TBCs) will be used for achieving the Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs).
4. The length of time for reaching the remedial objective for the chosen remedy is inappropriate, since it is the same length of time for "natural attenuation".

If you have any questions, please call me at (609)-633-7237.

Sincerely,



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