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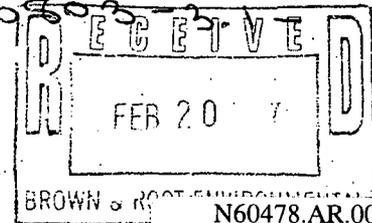
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Mr. Jeffrey Gratz, Project Manager
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SUBJ: FINALIZATION OF PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE 26 (OPERABLE UNIT
3) FOR NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, COLTS NECK, NJ

Dear Mr. Gratz:

This letter is to confirm the agreement made during our meeting on February 13, 1997 at NWS Earle. As discussed at the meeting, the Navy has some concerns regarding the pump and treat system proposed by our contractor for this site. We would appreciate additional time to analyze all assumptions made in the analysis and to determine if another groundwater treatment process would be preferred. In particular, we would like to take a closer look at the relative costs of the innovative reactive wall technology.

The Navy hereby requests a one month extension for finalization of the Proposed Plan for OU-3 to March 21, 1997. The February 21 deadline for OU-1 and OU-2 will not be affected.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at (610) 595-0567 Ext. 157.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to:

- Mr. Robert Marcolina, NJDEP
- Mr. Greg Goepfert, NWS Earle
- Mr. Russ Turner, Brown & Root Environmental

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