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Captain John C. Shick
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Re: Proposed Plans for Landfill Sites 4 and 5 (Operable Unit 1) and Site 19 (Operable Unit 2)
at Naval Weapons Station Earle

Dear Captain Shick:

This is to notify you that, after reviewing Naval Weapon Station Earle's Investigation Report and Feasibility Study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports Earle's Proposed Plans for Landfill Sites 4 and 5 and Site 19. As the Plans are subject to public comment, we are deferring our final approval on the proposed actions until we have reviewed comments from the public, the Navy's responsiveness summaries, and the draft Records of Decision.

The Proposed Plan for Landfill Sites 4 and 5 (Operable Unit 1) calls for capping and long-term monitoring of low level volatile organic contaminants in groundwater. The Proposed Plan for Site 19 (Operable Unit 2) calls for excavation and removal of approximately 260 cubic yards of contaminated soil and sediment from a leach pit and drainage ditch. The plan also includes long-term monitoring of residual metals in groundwater.

These Proposed Plans address only these 3 areas of concern. Other areas of concern either have already been addressed through removal actions or will be addressed in future Records of Decision.

If you have any questions regarding the subject of this letter, please contact me or have your staff contact Jeffrey Gratz, EPA Project Manager, at (212) 637-4320.

Sincerely,

/S/ William J. Muszynski

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