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Mr. John Kolicius  
Remedial Project Manager  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Northern Division  
10 Industrial Highway, Mailstop #82  
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Revised Document Submittal Deadlines to the Federal Facility Agreement and Approval of the *Final Workplan - Bioslurping System* for NWS Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Kolicius:

In accordance with Chapter XVI of the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Navy, EPA requests a thirty (30) day extension to complete our review of the Navy's draft *Proposed Plan Operable Unit 3 - Site 26* and the revisions to the *Feasibility Study - Site 26* for Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle which was submitted to EPA on July 31, 1997. We will submit our comments no later than September 30, 1997.

EPA requires additional time due to the recent change in project management, the work priority given to finalizing the Operable Unit 1 and 2 Records of Decision and the medical leave we discussed.

Since the public meeting for Operable Unit 3 may possibly be coordinated with the Restoration Advisory Board meeting on October 16, 1997, this extension request is not expected to delay the Navy's remedial schedule for Operable Unit 3.

In accordance with Chapter XV of the FFA between EPA and the Navy, EPA has reviewed the revised (final) version of the *Work Plan for Bioslurping System* submitted to EPA on July 11, 1997. EPA has no further comments on the Work Plan and finds it acceptable.

if you have any questions, please call me at (212) 637-4396.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Jaffess".

Sharon Jaffess, Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Section

cc: B. Marcolina, NJDEP