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Captain Robert M. Honey  
Commanding Officer  
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Re: Transmittal of Signed Records of Decision for Landfill Sites 4 and 5 (Operable Unit 1) and Site 19 (Operable Unit 2) at Naval Weapons Station Earle

Dear Captain Honey:

Enclosed are copies of the signed Records of Decision for Landfill Sites 4 and 5 (Operable Unit 1) and Site 19 (Operable Unit 2) at Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey. Based on our review of NWS Earle's Investigation Report and Feasibility Study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concurs with the Records of Decision.

The Records of Decision call for the following action at the facility:

**Landfill Sites 4 and 5 (Operable Unit 1)** - Capping and long-term monitoring, and

**Site 19 (Operable Unit 2)** - Excavation and removal of approximately 260 cubic yards of contaminated soil and sediment from a leach pit and drainage ditch at an ordnance maintenance area with long-term monitoring of residual metals in groundwater.

These decision documents address only the above areas. Other areas of concern either have already been addressed through separate removal actions or will be addressed in future Records of Decision.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact me or have your staff contact Sharon Jaffess, EPA Project Manager, at (212) 637-4396.

I have been informed by my staff that your tour of duty at NWS Earle as successor to Captain Schick is just beginning. I look forward to working with you on the environmental projects at the base in the cooperative tradition established by Captain Schick and I wish you good luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

/S/ William J. Muszynski

Jeanne M. Fox,  
Regional Administrator

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