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Dear Mr. Kolicius:

Re: Draft Proposed Plan for OU-3, Site 26 (Dated July 1997)
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. The NJDEP agrees with the proposed remedy and approves the Proposed Plan provided the following comments are incorporated.

- 1) Page 2, paragraph 1 - change "...in the process of completing the Remedial Investigation..." to "...has completed the Remedial Investigation..."
- 2) Page 6, paragraph 2 - change "BG" to "GB".
- 3) Page 6, paragraph 7 - The "direct push" sampling term should be more specific, for example, "the "direct push" sample was collected by using a hydropunch sampler."
- 4) Page 7, paragraph 6 - "Subsurface stratigraphy studies" were based only on the direct push methods, no confirming borings or visual identification of samples have been made, therefore the text should be revised to reflect this.
- 5) Page 13, Table 1 - The table for Dichloroethene should be revised. The Ground Water Quality Standards for this group of organic contaminants are listed as follows: 1,1 Dichloroethylene at 2 ppb, cis 1,2 Dichloroethylene at 10 ppb, trans 1,2 Dichloroethylene at 100 ppb. The table is titled "inorganics", this is inaccurate since organics are listed

as well. Either delete "inorganics" or make a separate table for "organics".

- 6) Page 19 - Add "community acceptance" as one of the nine criteria listed in the NCP.
- 7) Page 27, paragraph 4 - "downgradient receptors of contaminated ground water would begin to be protected" should be either deleted or revised, since there appears to be no downgradient receptors that the contamination could potentially reach.

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

Sincerely,



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