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Captain Robert M. Honey
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Re: Proposed Plan for Site 26 - Explosive "D" Washout Area / Soil and Ground Water Contamination (Operable Unit 3) at Naval Weapons Station Earle

Dear Captain Honey:

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 Plan for Site 26. As the Plan is subject to public comment, we are deferring our final approval on the proposed action until we have reviewed comments from the public, the Navy's responsiveness summary, and the draft Record of Decision.

The Proposed Plan for Site 26 (Operable Unit 3) calls for air sparging with soil vapor extraction, institutional controls, and long-term ground water monitoring.

This Proposed Plan addresses only this one area of concern. Other areas of concern either have already been addressed through removal actions, or will be addressed in by other Records of Decision.

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

Sincerely,

/S/ William J. Muszynski

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Regional Administrator

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