

SEP 28 1999

Captain Robert M. Honey
Commanding Officer
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Re: Transmittal of Signed Record of Decision for Sites 14,20,22,23,24,25,27,29 (Operable Unit 4) at Naval Weapons Station Earle.

Dear Captain Honey:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Record of Decision for Sites 14,20,22,23,24,25,27,29 (Operable Unit 4) at Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey. Based on our review of NWS Earle's Investigation Report, Risk Assessment and public comments on the Proposed Plan, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concurs with the Record of Decision.

The Record of Decision calls for no further action for the sites within Operable Unit 4 since each of these sites was either the subject of a completed Removal Action or was found to pose no unacceptable human health or environmental risk during the Remedial Investigation. Due to limited occurrence of compounds remaining at concentrations above NJDEP residential cleanup criteria, institutional controls with five year reviews are required for OU-4 sites 20,23, and 27.

This decision document addresses only the above sites. 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 Jessica Mollin, EPA Project Manager, at (212) 637-3921.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Muszynski

Jeanne M. Fox
Regional Administrator

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