



State of New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection

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Captain Claude B. Shaw  
Captain, U.S Navy  
Commanding Officer  
Naval Weapons Station Earle  
Headquarters Building, C-1  
201 Highway 34 South  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

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William J. Muszynski, P.E., Acting Regional Administrator  
U.S Environmental Protection Agency - Region II  
290 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Captain Shaw and Mr. Muszynski:

Re: Draft Record of Decision  
Operable Unit 6 (Sites 3 and 10)  
Naval Weapons Station Earle  
Colts Neck Twp., Monmouth Co.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 6 (Sites 3 and 10), prepared by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., on behalf of Naval Weapons Earle, dated July 2001.

The Department concurs with the Navy's and EPA's chosen remedial alternative for these Sites as follows:

Site 3: Capping with Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring. This includes a soil cap with proper grade for drainage purposes and to inhibit water infiltration. Institutional controls include property use restrictions, fencing and warning signs. Long Term Groundwater monitoring will be in place to assess effectiveness of landfill cap installation.

Site 10: Capping with Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring: This includes a capping system with an impermeable layer to minimize exposure of landfill contaminants to the environment and to prevent water infiltration. Institutional controls include property use restrictions, fencing and warning signs. Long Term Groundwater monitoring will be in place to assess of landfill cap installation.

New Jersey appreciates the importance of the Record of Decision in the cleanup process and will continue to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the State's commitment in this area are met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Boyle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan B. Boyle, Assistant Commissioner  
Site Remediation Program

c: Jessica Mollin, EPA  
Greg Goepfert, NWS Earle  
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