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Dear Mrs. DiGeambeardino:

Re: Draft Final Proposed Plan for Site 13 (Operable Unit 5)
Dated September 2002
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 Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. The NJDEP is in agreement with the chosen remedial alternative for Site 13. The chosen remedy is Capping, Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring. The NJDEP has one comment for your consideration:

Page 9, Alternative 3; 1st paragraph: The report describes the top layer of the landfill as "...1.5 feet of vegetative soil..." However, Figure 6 shows the top layer of the landfill cap as 0.5 foot of topsoil vegetated with permanent plant species. This discrepancy should be resolved.

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (609)-633-7237.

Sincerely,

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