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TO: Michele DiGeambeardino (EFANE)

FROM: RUSS TURNER (Tetra Tech, NUS)

SUBJECT: NWS Earle, Stenographers Transcript of Public Meeting Held January 15, 2003

Michele,

At your request, one copy of the subject transcript has been sent to Jessica Mollin at US EPA Region II. I have also attached the draft Responsiveness Summary for OU 5 to demonstrate how the public comments will be extracted from the public meeting transcripts for inclusion in the Responsiveness Summary for the OU 5 ROD.

Regards,



Russ Turner

Copy: Jessica Mollin (USEPA Region II)
Garth Glenn (Tetra Tech NUS) (w/o enclosures)

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**RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY
OU 5 ROD (Site 13)
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE
COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY**

I. Reply to Comments on the Site 13 Proposed Plan

1. A member of the public asked if the wastes disposed at Site 13 were typical municipal wastes.

Response: Mr. Turner replied that test pits dug at the site for the purpose of characterizing landfill contents and identifying the southern limit of landfill activity, encountered crushed metal drums, empty used metal shell casings, metal cables, metal doors, an air compressor, and rubber materials.

2. A member of the public mentioned that there are stories that the landfill was used to dispose of equipment.

Response: Mr. Turner agreed that there are stories of equipment and maybe a car being buried there that appear to be at least partly true. At least one piece of equipment was found in a test pit and other equipment was removed by the Navy from the site surface during a clean up performed several years back.

3. A member of the public stated that the planned cap is elaborate.

Response: Mr. Turner replied that the Navy, EPA and NJDEP discussed the type of cover system that would be protective of human health and the environment. The Navy proposed this RCRA-type cap that was acceptable to all parties.

4. A member of the public asked if no pesticides or PCB's were encountered in that neighborhood.

Response: Mr. Turner replied PCB's, pesticides and petroleum compounds were found in sediments at two drainage areas at levels that could impact ecological receptors. Although the ecological risk assessment concluded that there would be low risk from these compounds, the Navy proposes to excavate these sediments and place them in an area to be capped.

5. A member of the public asked if the Navy plans to collect any landfill leachate for off site treatment or disposal or will all remediation be performed on site.

Response: Mr. Turner replied that right now the site is stable. There is no leachate collected or being discharged to either human or ecological receptors. The proposed remedial actions will not result in any leachate for treatment or disposal.

6. A member of the public asked what type of institutional controls might be put in place.

Response: Mr. Turner referred to a projected slide of the site to point out the existing fence and the location of the proposed fence after the landfill cap is installed. The entire former landfill area would be capped and then surrounded by a new fence with gates to limit access. Besides being within a secure Navy Base, there would be a fence around the site with signs limiting access and saying what types of activities would not be permitted, like excavation, excessive vehicular traffic or other activities that could damage the cap.

7. A member of the public asked who will maintain the cap.

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Response: Mr. Burg and Ms. DiGeambeardino replied that the Navy will maintain the cap. The cap installation contractor will prepare an Operations and Maintenance Manual and maintain the landfill cap for the first year. The Navy will remain responsible after that.

8. A member of the public asked if there were copies of the Proposed Plan that they could take with them.

Response: Mr. Burg replied that he had copies for the public, but that with new security measures on the Navy Base in response to possible terrorism, there was one map included that may be a security problem. Copies with the figure removed could be distributed to anyone requesting one.