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Dear Mrs. DiGeambeardino,

Re: Draft Proposed Plan for Sites 1 and 11 (Operable Unit 8)  
Naval Weapons Station Earle  
Colts Neck Twp., Monmouth Co.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the Draft Proposed Plan, prepared by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., on behalf of Naval Weapons Earle for Operable Unit 8 (Sites 1 and 11), dated July 2003. The Proposed Plan has chosen the following remedial alternatives for the following Sites:

Site 1 (Ordnance Demilitarization Site): Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring. This includes establishing a Classification Exception Area (CEA) to provide official notice that ground water constituent standards will not be met for a specified duration and that the use of groundwater in the affected area will be prohibited until such time that the groundwater constituent standards are met. Soil sample results showed that contaminant concentrations were below regulatory concern.

Site 11 (Contract Ordnance Disposal Area): No Further Action due to lack of contaminant exceedances in both the soil and groundwater.

The NJDEP concurs with the chosen remedial alternative for Site 1, however the NJDEP does not agree with the chosen remedial alternative for Site 11. It is NJDEP's position that at Classification Exception Area (CEA) should be established for Aluminum and Iron, since these compounds have been found above the Groundwater Quality Criteria and above background levels. In addition the following comments are offered:

1. Several soil samples were taken from Site 11 during the 1993 Site Investigation and the follow-up 1993 Remedial Investigation. Although the narrative describes there is no further action due to lack of soil contaminant exceedances; the data that this conclusion is drawn from should be presented in one of the tables.
2. Page 14, last sentence: This should be titled "Site 11", not "Site 10".

If you have any questions regarding the NJDEP's position or the above comments, please call me, at (609)-633-7237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Marcolina". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

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