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Dear Ms. DiGeambeardino:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the Draft Record of Decision, prepared by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., on behalf of Naval Weapons Earle, for Operable Unit 8 (Sites 1 and 11), dated March 2004. The following remedial alternatives were selected in the Record of Decision for the following sites:

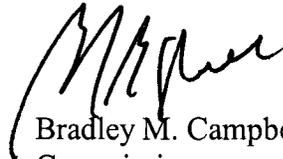
Site 1 (Ordnance Demilitarization Site): Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring. This includes establishing a Classification Exception Area (CEA) to provide official notice that ground water constituent standards will not be met for a specified duration and that the use of groundwater in the affected area will be prohibited until such time that the groundwater constituent standards are met. A notification will be placed in the Base Master Plan noting the cadmium and arsenic exceedances found in the soil. These locations were, at a minimum, 6 inches below the surface. The notifications are detailed in the document titled: Remedial Design for Land Use Controls for Site 1 dated March 2004.

Site 11 (Contract Ordnance Disposal Area): No Further Action due to lack of contaminant exceedances in the soil. The ground water levels for aluminum and iron are at or below background levels.

The NJDEP concurs with the chosen remedial alternatives for Sites 1 and 11. The NJDEP welcomes the opportunity for commenting on this report and is appreciative for participating in the remedial decision making process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Bob Marcolina, of my staff at (609)-633-7237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley M. Campbell', written in a cursive style.

Bradley M. Campbell
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