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Dear Ms. Mollin:

SUBJECT: MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAM PRELIMINARY
ASSESSMENTS NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, COLTS NECK,
NEW JERSEY

The Department of Defense (DoD) has established the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) to address munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) and munitions constituents (MC) at closed, transferred and transferring military ranges. In accordance with the MMRP, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Engineering Field Activity Northeast (EFANE) retained Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (MPI) to conduct a Preliminary Assessment (PA) for the closed Conservation Club Range at NWS Earle.

MPI consulted historical data repositories at NWS Earle and off-site, interviewed Station personnel, and conducted a visual survey. This letter provides the Draft Final PA for the Conservation Club Range at NWS Earle.

The PA describes the installation background, physical and environmental characteristics and data collection efforts. This is followed by a detailed assessment of the range characteristics, on-site observations, known or suspected MEC/MC areas, receptors, land use and access controls. These factors are used to develop a conceptual site model (CSM) that describes the site and its environmental setting.

For the Conservation Club Range, "No Further Action" is recommended.

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NWS Earle welcomes your comments, which will be addressed and incorporated into the Final PA. You may forward your comments to Alicia Hartmann at (732) 866-2060, <mailto:alicia.hartmann@navy.mil> or Michele DiGeambeardino (610) 595-0567 ext. 117, <mailto:michele.digeambeardi@navy.mil>.

Sincerely,



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