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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING PHASE I REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT GROUP 3
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SITES NWS EARLE NJ
11/18/1998
STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Dear Mr. Helland:

Re: Phase I Remedial Investigation Report
For Group 3 Underground Storage Tank Sites
Naval Weapons Station Earle
Colts Neck Twp., Monmouth Co.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the aforementioned document, prepared by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. on behalf of the Naval Weapons Station Earle, dated September 1998. The Department approves this document provided the following comments are addressed:

General Comment:

1. Many of the Recommendations and Conclusions that Tetra Tech NUS have indicated appear to be premature during a Phase I RI Report. These conclusions and recommendations should be included in a Remedial Action Work Plan or Report.

AOC Specific Comments:

1. AOC R-12 – Tetra Tech NUS recommends that an evaluation of a baildown test be conducted to consider passive recovery of the product plume. The Department's position is that it is premature to consider passive recovery until the baildown tests have been evaluated. Active remediation is preferred where practicable.
2. AOC R-15 – It is the Department's policy to remediate product plumes, whenever possible. Therefore the Navy should propose some type of remediation for this plume.

If you have any questions, please call me at (609)-633-7327.

Sincerely,

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