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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM U S EPA REGION II REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY
SITES 1 AND 11 OPERABLE UNIT 8 (OU8) NOVEMBER 2002 NWS EARLE NJ
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Ms. Michelle DeGeambardino, Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop 82
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Re: Feasibility Study for Sites 1&11 (OU-8), November, 2002

Dear Ms. DeGeambardino,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with our Federal Facility Agreement with the Navy, has reviewed the above referenced report prepared by Tetra Tech Nus, Inc. Attached are our comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (212) 637-3921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Mollin".

Jessica Mollin, Remedial Project Manager
Federal Facilities Section

cc: L. Burg, Naval Weapons Station Earle
B. Marcolina, NJDEP

Comments on Feasibility Study - OU-8

Page ES-3 - Summary of Site Risks

1. Paragraph 2, line 5, is arsenic the only compound of concern that contributed to the estimated cancer risks in subsurface soil and groundwater?
2. Second paragraph, 11th line, indicate what levels arsenic, chromium and iron were found at.
3. Third paragraph, first sentence, clarify what "lower end of the target maximum acceptable risk range" means. What are the cancer risks at this level?
4. In order to make the second paragraph easier to read, break it up into two separate paragraphs. Have one paragraph for cancer risks and the other for non-cancer risks.