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LETTER AND CONCURRENCE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING DRAFT
RECORD OF DECISION SITE 13 OPERABLE UNIT 5 (OU5) NWS EARLE NJ
7/21/2004
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Dear Mrs. DiGeambeardino:

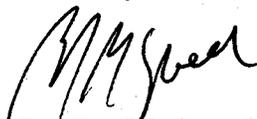
The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the Draft Record of Decision, prepared on behalf of Naval Weapons Station Earle for Operable Unit 5 (Site 13) on the Main Base, located in Colts Neck Township.

The remedial alternative selected in the Record of Decision is a low-permeability cover system that complies with federal and state regulatory requirements, which would be used to prevent potential human and animal contact with contaminants in landfill materials. Impacted soils and sediments near current erosion areas would be excavated and placed within the area to be capped. Access restrictions, including fencing, would be put in place to limit any future uses of the site and potential disturbance to the landfill cap. Land use restrictions and controls would be incorporated in the Base Master Plan to restrict activities at this site such as residential development, excavation and excessive vehicular traffic.

A Classification Exception Area (CEA) will be implemented to provide the state official notice that the constituent standards will not be met for a specified duration and ensure that the use of ground water in the affected area is suspended until ground water quality standards are achieved. Long-term, periodic groundwater monitoring will be conducted to assess contaminant status. Site conditions and risks will be reviewed every five years.

The NJDEP concurs with the chosen remedial alternatives for Operable Unit 5 (Site 13). The NJDEP welcomes the opportunity for commenting on this Record of Decision. 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
Commissioner

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