

*Navy response to MPCA letter
Re: Plating Shop WP Review*

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Dear Mr. Douglas:

The Navy has received your letter dated February 7, 1996, notifying the Navy that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) had suspended review of the "Draft Work Plan for the East and West Plating Shops Soil and Groundwater Investigation", (Workplan), dated December 31, 1995, until the Navy answers certain questions. The Navy response to the questions posed are as follows:

(a). The Navy considers the Plating Shops investigation to be a significant component of the overall OU3 investigation. The Navy intends on utilizing data collected during the Plating Shops investigation in support of the overall OU3 investigation. The Navy intends on incorporating Plating Shop results into the OU3 Remedial Investigation Report.

The physical window of opportunity that was taken advantage of during the initial East Plating Shop Investigation is no longer a consideration with respect to scheduling further investigation of the plating shops. The original schedule for the follow-on Plating Shop Investigation was well ahead of the overall OU3 investigation schedule, and would have provided the Navy with information that may have been useful in developing the OU3 Workplans.

(b). The Navy does not understand why the MPCA would question the quality of data collected in accordance with QAPPs previously approved by the MPCA and the USEPA. The Navy is not prepared to proceed at its own risk by collecting data that may be rejected.

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(c). The Navy has determined that it is most appropriate to postpone the Plating Shop Investigation until the OU3 QAPP is approved, therefor it is not necessary for the MPCA to continue the review of the Plating Shop Investigation Workplan, received on January 2, 1996

Please contact Scott Glass at (803) 820-5587 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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