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Subj: NAVAL INDUSTRIAL ORDNANCE PLANT, FRIDLEY - DATA QUALITY
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Dear Mr. Douglas:

The Navy has received your letter dated February 7, 1996, regarding the applicability of the Data Quality Objectives (DQO) Process to the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP), Fridley Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for OU3. The Navy response to questions posed are as follows:

1. Attachment A to the FFA requires that the most recent guidance available should be used in developing the RI/FS. The Navy, USEPA and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) agreed during the February 20, 1996 Pre-Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) telecon that the USEPA Region V Model QAPP (Draft) would be utilized as the most recent guidance in developing the RI/FS Work Plans for OU3. Section 1.4.3 of the USEPA Region V Model QAPP specifies that "Guidance for the Data Quality Objectives Process, USEPA QA/G-4" shall be used as a guidance document for the Data Quality Objectives Process.

2. The Navy considers that since the Region V Model QAPP (Draft) references the DQO Process Guidance, and the Region V Model QAPP (Draft) is considered latest guidance, in accordance with the FFA, the DQO guidance relates to the FFA.

3. Utilizing the DQO Process does not detract from or circumvent the requirements of the FFA. Rather, the DQO Process enhances the execution of the FFA by providing for an effective and efficient means of collecting data in order to support the RI/FS. This objective was reiterated during the March 13, 1996 telecon among the Navy, USEPA and the MPCA.

The Navy has tentatively scheduled a meeting April 9, 1996 in Minnesota where DQO Process objectives may be discussed.

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