



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Scott A. Glass, Code 18610
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RE: Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Glass:

As you are aware, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has discussed the option of regulating the uncontrolled release of ground water contamination discharging into the Mississippi River from Anoka County Riverfront Park under the Clean Water Act. Under this law, the MPCA staff has evaluated two options: to modify the existing Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit or to issue a new NPDES permit for the ground water plume itself.

Also as you know, the NIROP partnering team has come to agreement on the outline of a plan to investigate and remediate the contaminated ground water in the park. This outline is found in the CERCLA Five-Year Review for Operable Unit I. The review states that the Navy should complete an investigation of the contaminated ground water in the park by September 30, 1999. As we discussed at our last partnering meeting, the Navy has agreed to come to the next partnering meeting with the outline of a work plan to complete this work by this date and has requested funding for this effort for federal fiscal year 1999. The MPCA staff is committed to work with the Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through partnering to ensure that this investigation is conducted by this date.

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As long as satisfactory progress is made to comply with the existing time schedules contained in the CERCLA Five-Year Review for Operable Unit I, the MPCA staff will set aside further pursuit of a modification to the NIROP NPDES permit and issuance of a new NPDES permit for the ground water plume in the park and will work with the Navy and EPA through the partnering effort and the Federal Facility Agreement, dated March 27, 1991, to address this release. However, the MPCA staff reserves its rights under the Clean Water Act and other appropriate environmental laws to address this release in the future should that ever become necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (651) 296-7818.

Sincerely,



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cc: Thomas Bloom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency