



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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March 12, 1999

Commanding Officer  
Southern Division  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Attn.: Joel R. Sanders, Code 1868  
P.O. Box 190010  
North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010

RE: Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Sanders:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the document entitled, "Community Relations Plan for Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant," dated November 30, 1998. The "Community Relations Plan for Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant" is for the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP) Superfund Site and was submitted pursuant to the Federal Facility Agreement, dated March 27, 1991, between the MPCA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), and the U.S. Navy (Navy).

The MPCA staff hereby approves the "Community Relations Plan for Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant" as modified pursuant to Attachment I of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Katherine Carlson at (651) 297-1607, or toll-free at (800) 657-3864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David N. Douglas".

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## **Attachment I**

### **Modifications to the Report Entitled "Community Relations Plan for Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant," Dated November 30, 1998**

#### **Section 2.4, Environmental Setting**

The MPCA staff requests that this section of the plan include more information about the location of NIROP, Fridley in proximity to other sites of known or suspected soil and ground water connection in order to provide the community with an accurate context. Because sites such as Kurt Manufacturing, FMC Corporation, Burlington Northern Railroad, the Fridley Commons Well Field, and other cleanup sites surround NIROP, it is important for the public to know that 1) contaminants seeping into the Mississippi River could be the result of several possible source areas, both identified and not; and 2) estimates involving NIROP's contribution to ground-water-to-surface-water contamination of the Mississippi River reflect only a part of the total impact on the river.

A key concern among the affected communities is the quality of drinking water in the cities drawing from the Prairie du Chien/Jordan in the area and the Mississippi River. The MPCA staff requests that the Navy outline what communities draw drinking water from within a one-mile radius of the site.

#### **Section 3.3, Key Community Concerns**

The MPCA staff requests that the Navy identify the City of Minneapolis's more detailed concerns about discharge of treated water to the river.

#### **Section 4.0, Elements of the Community Relations Plan**

The MPCA staff requests that the Navy cite the possibility of community concern associated with the Consumer Confidence Reports required under the Safe Drinking Water Act should be noted in this section. If substantial public concern results from release of detectable contaminants in drinking water, the Navy should be prepared to answer questions or send questioners to appropriate resource people at the Minnesota Department of Health to explain risk numbers.