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Dear Mr. Smith:

SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF THE NAVY SIGNED THIRD FIVE-YEAR REVIEW
REPORT FOR THE NAVAL INDUSTRIAL RESERVE ORDNACE PLANT

Enclosed, please find for your review and concurrence the Third Five-Year Review Report for the Naval Industrial Ordnance Reserve Plant (NRIOP) Superfund Site in Fridley, MN. The enclosed copy has been signed by the Navy.

As discussed and agreed to in our Project Team meetings, the Navy has received a letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency stating they are "unable to concur with the protectiveness statement" in the Five-Year Review because they do not believe the remedy is meeting the goals stated in the Record of Decision (ROD) concerning hydraulic containment of the plume. Also, MPCA believes that there are other "likely sources" of contamination under the building that have not been fully characterized. The MPCA letter will become part of the NIROP post-ROD record. However, the MPCA did note that they are in agreement with the Team's path forward to evaluate and address these issues.

After a thorough review of recent and historical data, the Navy believes that the system is being protective and meeting the goals of the ROD. The one primary reason for this, as identified in the "protectiveness Statement", is that a complete pathway to a receptor cannot be identified. Also, it is the Navy's opinion that significant reductions in the groundwater contamination have been made by the systems operations.

We are committed to continued effort in working with your office and MPCA to improve and optimize the groundwater system to ensure the remedy remains protective in the future. We, as

also discussed in our recent Team meetings, are committed to the development of an "Exit Strategy" for the NIROP site.

The Navy appreciates your continued support on the NIROP project along with that of the MPCA. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Third Five-Year Review Report, October 2008