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SUBJECT: Allegany Ballistics Laboratory
CERCLA Site 1 (groundwater)
Rocket Center, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

The West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) would like to request your participation in a proposed dedication ceremony tentatively scheduled for April 7, 1999, for the new groundwater treatment plant and extraction system at the Naval Industrial Ordnance Plant (NIROP), Allegany Ballistics Laboratory located in Rocket Center, West Virginia.

WVDEP has been deeply involved with the remediation efforts at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory and would like to acknowledge the excellent joint cooperation which has transpired between the WVDEP, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the United States Department of the Navy as represented by the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (LANTDIV), and the facility operator Alliant Techsystems (ATK).

The implementation of the treatment plant and extraction system represents the first major environmental remedy implemented under the Installation Restoration program at this facility. This affords an excellent opportunity to present the positive aspects associated with environmental restoration. The remedy, utilizing a state-of-the-art groundwater treatment plant and extraction system, is designed to contain the migration of contaminated groundwater. This should prevent additional contamination from entering the North Branch Potomac River. Further, the extraction system's design will restore the groundwater to beneficial use at the facility, as ATK will utilize remediated groundwater for facilities steam generation.

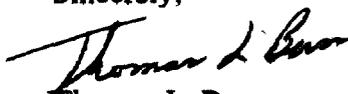
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Representatives from various agencies have worked in a partnering team relationship to ensure a balance between ATK production activities and environmental remediation. The group of individuals, State, USEPA, NAVSEA, LANTDIV, and Alliant Tech System, has been successful in distributing the majority of the sub-contract opportunities associated with the project by soliciting for bids within the local community.

WVDEP would like your commitment to participate in a media event with State Officials to celebrate the successful partnership of the committed individuals and the dedication of the multi million-dollar groundwater project at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory.

If there are any questions or if you require further clarification, please contact me at (304) 558-2745.

Sincerely,



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List of other invitees:

The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV
The Honorable Alan B. Mollohan
Michael Miano, Director, West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection
Elsie L. Munsell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
David Anderson, Commander, NAVSEASYSKOM