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Attn: Mr. Dominic O'Connor

SUBJECT: Review of Draft Phase III Aquifer Test
Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, Rocket Center, West Virginia

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

The EPA has reviewed the draft Phase III Aquifer Testing at Site 1 and Site 10 of Allegany Ballistics Laboratory Superfund Site Report. This submission is dated October 2001 and was prepared for the Navy by CH2M HILL.

The EPA concurs with the evaluation presented in the report. The following comments are provided for consideration.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The report presents an easy to follow explanation of the work performed and of the evaluation of the data resulting from the large-scale pumping tests performed at Sites 1 and 10. The document is well written, provides a good summary of the history of testing at these sites, and uses maps and figures very effectively.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

2. Section 3.5.2, page 3-6. This section refers to Figure 3-5, the copies of the report we received did not have Figure 3-5.

3. Section 4.3.2.1.1, page 4-5. This section refers to Figure 4-3 as showing the alluvial monitoring wells at Site 1, Figure 4-3 in the copies of the report we received contains the bedrock wells and is the same as Figure 4-4.

If you have any questions concerning any of these comments on the Phase III Aquifer Test Report, please call me (215) 814-3364.

Sincerely,

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