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West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection
Office of Waste Management
Attn: Mr. Tom Bass
Site Investigation Unit
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Re: Site 7 Waste, Allegany Ballistics Laboratory

Dear Mr. Bass:

Your January 17, 1997 correspondence provided your position that the segregated Site 7 soil should be characterized with dual waste codes. The Navy has conducted an intensive investigation concerning the use of beryllium at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory. While compounds of beryllium were the primary form of beryllium used during laboratory testing at the facility, it appears that elemental beryllium may have been generated as a result of the laboratory experiments. We can now confirm that beryllium was potentially disposed of at Site 7. Therefore, for disposal purposes, the Navy will characterize the segregated soil removed from Site 7 as P015 and U151.

Three 55-gallon drums containing explosives, vials of beryllium, and a 5-gallon container of mercury are currently located in the temporary storage facility (constructed as per our February 24, 1997 letter) awaiting disposal along with the P015 and U151 soil material. The Navy's contractor, OHM Remediation Services, is scheduled to be on site April 2, 1997 to segregate these three drums. The explosives will be separated from the beryllium vials and disposed of as D003. The beryllium vials will be added to the containers characterized with the dual waste codes, P015 and U151. The 5-gallon container of mercury will be removed from the waste stream and shipped as waste code U151.

The soil segregation activities shall be completed in accordance with OHM's Final Soil Segregation Workplan dated August 1996.

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The Site 7 soils will be shipped to Cycle Chem, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey on April 4, 1997, where they will await approvals for final disposal from the Government of Canada. Once approvals are granted (in approximately 45 days), the material will be shipped to Stabilex, located in Canada. The material will be landfilled by Stabilex in accordance with all Canadian requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact LANTDIV's designated point of contact for the Site 7 soils, Ms. Linda Saksvig, at (757) 322-4793.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commander

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