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Mr. Robert Schirmer, PE
Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Code: 1822
Building N 26, Room 54
1510 Gilbert Street
Norfolk, Va 23511-2699

Re: Cheatham Annex Site - Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Va.
Former Penniman Shell Loading Plant
Forwarding of the EPA's *Data Acquisition/Summary Report*

Dear Mr. Schirmer:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *Data Acquisition/Summary Report* (DASR) for the former Penniman Shell Loading Plant. We are forwarding a copy of the EPA's DASR to the Navy since it currently owns a portion of the former Penniman Shell Loading Plant (Penniman).

EPA is currently assessing the former Penniman facility located on property now owned by the Navy. EPA is planning on conducting a walking inspection of former Penniman structures, including property currently owned by Navy in the second quarter of fiscal year 2000, and we are requesting access to Navy property for this purpose, as well as in performing limited geophysical investigation of underground conduits which were part of the former Penniman plant. We will be contacting you in January to discuss the details of our investigation plans.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to call me at (215) 814-3357,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Thomson".

Robert Thomson, P.E, AEP
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cc: Sharon Wilcox (VDEQ, Richmond)