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REF: (1) Scrap Yard (Site 41)  
(2) Soak Out Area (Site 44)

Dear Ms. Adams:

This is in response to the Navy's request for comments on the "Proposed Cleanup" associated with the Scrap Yard (Site 41) and the Soak Out Area (Site 44).

**Site 41-Scrap Yard--**

In my capacity as a member of the RAB committee I had submitted comments on the Feasibility Study Report, for both Site 12-Town Gut Landfill and Site 41-Scrap Yard in my letter to Ms Cheryl Deskins of August 31, 2000. She responded on 4 October, 2000. I provided subsequent comments in my letter to her of February 27, 2001. Although my comments were mostly directed to Site 12-Town Gut Landfill they are appropriate to site 41 as well.

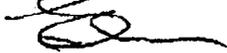
In addition, I note that on the last line of the first "poster" for site 41 it is mentioned "the site is currently in use as a scrap yard." I had thought we had discontinued the active use of the site. Is this correct? Do we still have residual scrap in the area? If so, when will it be removed? In the pamphlet for site 41 "Invitation to Comment on the Proposed Cleanup" on page 2 under "The Proposed Remedy" it states "Put land use controls in place to restrict future site use and prevent use of contaminated shallow groundwater." Does "restrict" mean to "prohibit" or is it envisioned that there could be some identified uses of the site in the future?

The poster also states that Mattawoman Creek at its closest point is within 30 feet of the fenced scrap yard. Within this 30 foot area is a dirt road. Is this road still being used? Has the dirt road been checked for contaminate run off from the scrap yard compound? Will the roadway continued to be checked? Does the continued use of the road either by vehicle or on foot pose any potential health risks? Have we considered rerouting the roadway?

**Site 44 Soak Out Area--No comments.**

**Thanks for the opportunity of commenting. Call me if you have any questions.**

**Sincerely,**



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