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Ref: Draft Final Verification Work Plan For the Naval
Construction Battalion Center (CBC), Gulfport, MS

Dear Mr. Spell:

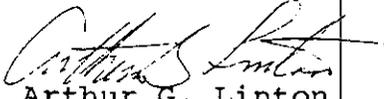
This is in response to your letter of September 25, 1986, in which you requested review and comments on the above referenced document and indicated the scheduled time and place for a meeting to discuss its provisions. Information presented is satisfactory for highlighting specific tasks to be accomplished; however significant information related to critical decisions in carrying out the investigation is either inadequate or missing. Among these are: A rationale for selecting the number and location of down gradient wells and a rationale for limiting the number and type of analytical determinations to be made on ground water samples. Specifically we believe the following information is appropriate for inclusion in this type of proposal.

- Placement of Wells in terms of assurance that plume location and potential for both vertical and lateral migration is discovered.
- Analytical Determinations that reflect the need to clearly identify specific pollutants in the ground water
- Procedures for QA/QE to be used in the investigation.

In addition we would like to call your attention to the use of vague and/or unclear references in describing aspects of the investigation, i.e. page 15: "Field investigations will follow NACIP Guidelines". Finally in selecting guidance documents for use in carrying out actual field operations, i.e. well drilling we recommend you utilize EPA guidance to the fullest extent possible.

If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (404) 347-3776 or FTS 257-3776.

Sincerely yours,



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