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LETTER DISCUSSING AUTHORIZATION OF INITIATION OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS  
NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO RICO  
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August 26, 1992

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Attn: Mr. James Szykman  
LANTDIV-EIC - Code 1822

Re: Authorization of Initiation of Field Investigations  
Contract N62470-89-D-4814  
Contract Task Order (CTO) 0007  
Installation Restoration Program Activities  
Roosevelt Roads Naval Station  
Ceiba, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Szykman:

Baker Environmental, Inc., (Baker) understands that you have authorized the initiation of the field investigations for the IRP Activities of Contract N62470-89-D-4814, CTO-0007, at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Ceiba, Puerto Rico. This authorization was transmitted during our telephone conversation on August 20, 1992.

Our conversation on August 20, 1992, referred to several aspects of the IRP activities for CTO-0007. Among these were:

- 1-The initiation, as indicated, of the field studies on September 14, 1992;
- 2-The status of the plans for the project;
- 3-The status of the budget of the project, and;
- 4-The expected responses to the comments from the Technical Review Committee.

Despite the status of the plans, as discussed below, Baker is prepared to comply with LANTDIV's directive to proceed with the field studies as scheduled on September 14, 1992. Verbal authorization to proceed was received on August 20, 1992, about one month prior to the scheduled initiation of the field work, as requested in our letter of July 27, 1992. Accordingly with this authorization, we are making all final preparations for the field investigations, including letting of non-refundable deposits for support services. We expect to have personnel arranging administrative and logistical support for the field studies on base at Roosevelt Roads and in the local area on September 10 and 11; this will facilitate initiation of the field work on September 14.

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The first two of the scheduled four editions of the project plans (the Preliminary Draft and the Draft) have been published, with the latter set presented on April 27, 1992. The pending editions are the Draft Final and Final; according to the Statement of Work (SoW) presented by LANTDIV for this project, the Final edition must be published and approved prior to the initiation of the field studies. The preparation of the Draft Final and the Final editions of the plans depends in part on the comments presented on preceding editions by the reviewing agencies. These comments have not been forthcoming. LANTDIV has, therefore, directed Baker in the discussion of August 20, 1992, to proceed with the field studies on the basis of the Draft plans, dated April 27, 1992. LANTDIV may choose to supplement these plans by letter sent to Baker's field manager during execution of the field studies in September, October and November 1992; this supplement may reflect the results of negotiations between LANTDIV and the regulatory agencies invited to review the project plans. Baker will modify the field operations according to this supplement, as well as according to field conditions; such modification will appear in the reports of activities and findings for the project. As agreed, the Draft Final and Final editions of the plans will not be published. Baker will, however, present an addendum to the project plans indicating the relevant modification required by LANTDIV's letter on the results of the negotiations.

Baker advised LANTDIV-EIC on August 20, 1992, that given the continued uncertainties in CTO status and the project management and correspondence requirements over the extended pre-field program portion of this CTO, the projected minimum expenditure for CTO-0007, with the field program as presently scoped/estimated, would be about 112 percent of the nominal authorization of \$776,465, released November 7, 1991. We will continue to monitor costs through the balance of the CTO and will notify LANTDIV at the 75% expenditure point should additional funding be required.

Baker has informally received an incomplete copy sent by LANTDIV of the expected comments by the reviewing agencies on the Draft plans. LANTDIV-EIC has indicated that the comments from the Environmental Protection Agency will be addressed by LANTDIV. LANTDIV and Baker agreed that Baker will prepare discussions of the comments by the Fish and Wildlife Service. These preliminary responses should be available to LANTDIV during the week of August 24.

Baker would also like to note that, given the specialized field activities that will be included in CTO-0007, the Project Manager will for this CTO also perform as the Site Manager for the field studies. This adjustment is, by itself, not an excessive burden on the project costs, as the Project Manager would in any event have been onsite for some of the critical operations of the field program. This adjustment merely extends his presence at the loss of one other individual from the field team.

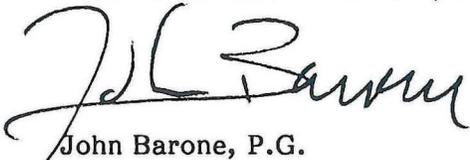
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Should you wish to discuss this or any other matter at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me at 412-269-2034.

Sincerely,

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