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Mr. Frank Klanchar
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Dear Mr. Klancher:

RE: GRUMMAN CORPORATION SITE #130003A
NWIRP #130003B
HOOKER/RUCO #130004

This is a follow up to recent telephone conversations regarding the off-site groundwater contamination which exists to the south of the Hooker/RUCO, Grumman and NWIRP sites.

The three sites listed above are considered by the EPA and DEC to be the primary sources of the groundwater contamination beneath and downgradient of the sites. The total area of contaminated groundwater has been estimated at 1500 acres. In an attempt to make addressing this problem more manageable for the respective agencies, the EPA and DEC have decided to issue a total of four Records of Decision (ROD's) for these sites. Three of the ROD's (one for each of the aforementioned sites) will address on-site issues, specifically source control and contaminant migration to off-site areas. The large off-site groundwater contamination problem will be addressed in the fourth ROD.

It is the hope of the EPA and the DEC that all parties will actively assist both agencies with collecting whatever data is necessary to develop this fourth proposed ROD. To date, both Grumman and the Navy are either conducting or plan to conduct off-site investigations in order to determine the extent of off-site contamination which can be attributed to their operations. There are still data gaps which need to be addressed, specifically south-southwest, south, and south-southeast of the Hooker/Ruco site.

In order to develop a ROD that all parties (EPA, DEC, Grumman, Navy, and OCC) can live with (i.e., willing to implement) the EPA and DEC strongly recommend that all parties meet to discuss plans for a cooperative off-site RI and FS which would lead up to this fourth ROD. Both agencies have set a goal of October 1993 for issuing this ROD.

A meeting to discuss this topic has been scheduled for September 17, 1992 at 1:00 pm at the DEC's office on 50 Wolf Road in Albany. We ask that your organization send one (or more) technical representatives to this meetings (no attorneys, please).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. John Barnes of the DEC at (518) 457-3395.

Sincerely,

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