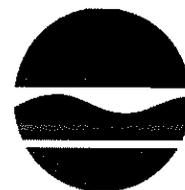


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RADM Laurence S. Rice  
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RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage  
Nassau County, Site No. 1-30-003B.

Dear Admiral Rice:

As a part of the NWIRP-Bethpage OU2 Navy Record of Decision (ROD) of January 2003, the NWIRP Wellhead Treatment Contingency Plan (WHTCP) was prepared and approved by the Department in July 2003. The WHTCP was prepared as a cost-effective alternative to address the public health threat instead of the aquifer restoration.

The Department of the Navy (Navy) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) entered into a Federal Facilities Site Remediation Agreement (FFSRA) for NWIRP Bethpage facility in March 2005. The FFSRA obligates the Navy to implement the WHTCP. A disc with copies of the Navy NWIRP January 2003 ROD, FFSRA and wellhead treatment Contingency Plan (WHTCP) documents is enclosed for your information.

For more than three years, NWIRP site related groundwater contamination has been impacting the sentry (outpost) wells for the South Farmingdale Water District wellfields No. 1 and No. 3. The Navy, at prior Restoration Advisory Board Meetings (RAB) and at Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings with State and Local officials and the water districts in years 2004, 2005 and 2006 has clearly stated that wellhead treatment is necessary for the supply wells at the South Farmingdale Plants. The Navy has yet to address this problem.

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and their consultant, Tetra Tech NUS, already had meetings with the South Farmingdale Water District's environmental consultant, the H2M Group, to review the technical aspects of this project. Since year 2005, no significant progress has been made. The Navy has produced groundwater data and groundwater modeling that clearly shows there will be unacceptable impacts to the South Farmingdale municipal water supply wells in the near future.

RADM Laurence S. Rice

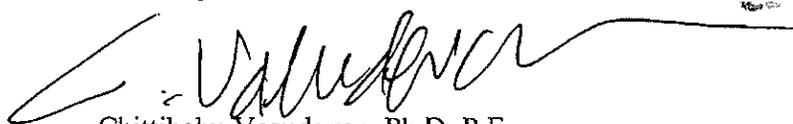
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Quarterly sampling confirms that impact of the supply wells by the site related contaminants in the near future is highly likely. In order to prevent the adverse impact to the well fields, I ask your office's direct involvement now to expedite the implementation of the wellhead treatment at the South Farmingdale Water Supply wells.

The Department will be scheduling a meeting with NAVFAC Midlant, the US Department of Justice and the South Farmingdale Water District of Farmingdale, New York. I would appreciate your presence, or that of a representative from your office at this meeting. If you need further information, please contact Mr. John Swartwout, P.E. of my staff or me at (518) 402-9625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chittibabu Vasudevan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chittibabu Vasudevan, Ph.D., P.E.  
Director, Remedial Bureau A  
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cc: J. Swartwout

Enclosure: One CD with  
NWIRP OU 2 ROD  
Federal Facilities Site Remediation Agreement  
NWIRP Wellhead Treatment Contingency Plan

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