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Mr. Steven M. Scharf, P.E.
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Environmental Conservation
Bureau of Eastern Remedial Action
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Re: New York Water Service
Seaman Neck Road Wells 3S (8480) and 4S (9338).
Grumman Aerospace – Bethpage (NY Site 1-30-003A) &
Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant –
Bethpage (NY Site 1-30-003B) Site
AQUA 07-01

Dear Mr. Scharf:

We are writing you on behalf of New York Water Service Corporation (NYWSC) in connection with volatile organic contamination (VOC) recently detected at Wells No. 3S (8480) and 4S (9338) at the Seaman Neck Road plant site. As you are aware, outpost monitoring wells were installed by the Navy to detect contamination migrating from the sites captioned above to provide NYWSC at least a 5-year warning before contamination reached the Seaman Neck Road wells. NYWSC has not received any notice from the Navy or Grumman of impending appearance of contamination at the Seaman Neck Road wells.

Trichloroethene (TCE) was found at a level of 0.64 ug/L in a sample of the raw water from Well #3S collected in September 2006, and confirmed at a level of 0.52 ug/L in a sample from October 2006. The well has been shut down.

In February 2007, split samples were collected from Well #4S and sent to two separate labs. TCE was detected at 0.5 ug/L by one of the labs.

A third well (Well 2, currently out of service) at the Seaman Neck Road plant site is being sampled for TCE, but results are not yet available.

TCE is a footprint / trigger contaminant that has been tied to the contamination at the sites captioned above.

NYWSC depends on the Seaman's Neck Road production wells to maintain water supply and pressure to customers in the Seaford area. It is imperative that temporary treatment be provided for these wells while an evaluation of permanent treatment (e.g. air stripping or GAC) and supply replacement alternatives are evaluated.

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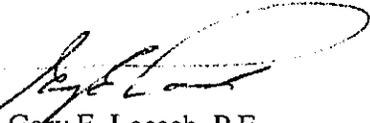
The appearance of TCE in the Seaman's Neck Road wells without warning from the Navy or Grumman underscores our longstanding concern about high concentrations of TCE and Total VOCs in the vicinity of GW-75D2, the absence of remediation at this location, and the inadequacy of the selected monitoring wells to serve as suitable outpost monitoring sites to protect the NYWSC production wells.

By copy of this letter, we are putting the Navy and Northrop Grumman on notice of our findings, and we request that DEC require prompt action by the Navy / Northrop Grumman to provide both a temporary and permanent remedy.

Please contact me at 631-756-8000, extension 1140, so that we can discuss implementation of an action plan.

Very truly yours,

HOLZMACHER, McLENDON & MURRELL, P.C.



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