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Att. James Colter

Re: Grumman Aerospace and NWIRP at Bethpage

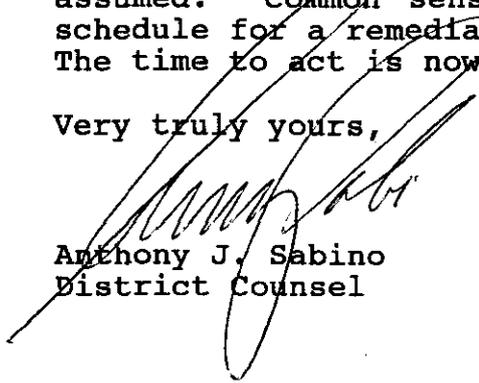
Dear Mr. Colter:

On behalf of the Bethpage Water District, I make the following comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan presented to the public on November 15, 1994 in connection with the above referenced subject.

1. A significant concern of the local community as presented at the public meeting centered around the level of remediation proposed by the PRAP. The PRAP states that an industrial level of remediation is contemplated because of the Navy's intent to continue to use the facility for industrial purposes. This comment is untrue and misleading to the public. The Bethpage facilities of Northrop\Grumman are scheduled to consolidate off of Long Island. At the current time, the Navy's facility is nothing more than a warehouse and storage facility. Therefore, the level of remediation must permit productive use of the property in the future.

2. The PRAP limits the discussion of groundwater remediation (page 21 section 6). You now know that the ground water will provide the most likely human exposure pathway. The District must express deep concern and dismay for the delay in the presentation of a groundwater remediation plan. The latest test data indicates that the off site plume is larger and more concentrated than previously assumed. Common sense would appear to indicate a more urgent schedule for a remediation plan than the PRAP has proposed. The time to act is now not in the fall of 1995.

Very truly yours,


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