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Commissioner

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NO ACTION REQUIRED
PER PHASED w/ JOHN BARNES
ON 4/26/95.

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Mr. James L. Colter
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RE: NWIRP-Bethpage
Site Number: 130003B

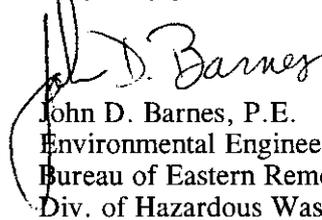
Dear Mr. Colter:

The clean-up goal for the remediation of the arsenic-contaminated soils is unclear because two goals have been presented in the draft Record of Decision. On page 27, it states that soils containing metals which "exceed the hazardous waste criteria as defined under 40 CFR 261.21 and 6 NYCRR Part 371.3(e)(1)" are to be excavated and then treated prior to disposal. This is restated on Figure 11. Yet, on Tables 1 and 3, a clean-up goal of 5.4 mg/kg is presented.

In order to make this issue clear to the public, the Department recommends that a description of how the volume of waste to be treated will be determined (i.e. - sampling and analytical approaches) be incorporated into the section entitled "Common Elements of the Alternatives" on page 27 of the draft Record of Decision. The clean-up goal should also be clearly defined in the text of the Record of Decision either in the aforementioned section or in Section 7 ("Summary of the Selected Remedy").

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (518) 457-3395.

Very truly yours,


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