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Att. Mr. Steven Scharf

Re: Northrop Grumman Corporation
Proposed Remedial Action Plan

Dear Mr. Scharf:

Kindly be advised that my office represents the Bethpage Water District. I recently received a copy of the above referenced Proposed Remedial Action Plan ("the Plan") via an area resident. I am disappointed that neither the DEC nor Grumman had the foresight to forward a copy of the Plan directly to the District or its engineer. I am also disappointed that the Bethpage Water District was not consulted regarding the final content of the Plan. Since many of the elements of the Plan involve the operation of District facilities as well as future improvement to those facilities, such consultation would seem logical.

On behalf of the Water District, I am informing you and Grumman that the District will not support the Plan prior to having the opportunity to review the technical data upon which the plan is based and analysis of the impacts of the Plan on Water District operations. I would hope the District could accomplish this review prior to the public meeting scheduled for December 13, 2000.

Specifically, the following are some of items that give the District concern.

1. The failure to make the District a copy recipient of test results and pumpage data generated by Grumman and the Navy.
2. The Plan suggests that someone other than the Water District will design a carbon treatment facility for District well sites. In addition, this remedy ignores the fact that the addition of a spool piece may be a more appropriate method to reduce contaminate levels in treated water.
3. The Plan suggests that the Water District may supply District consumers with water that has any level of contaminates up to the mcl. This suggestion has no basis in fact and is incorrect.

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As you may be aware, when Plant 6 began to show trace levels of contaminants in treated water, the District took the well off line. At that time, Grumman paid for improvements to the facility that successfully decreased the contaminate levels to non-detect. Only then was the well put back on line. The same procedure will be required in the future if District facilities are to remain in use.

4. There is no provision for vinyl chloride removal for District wells.

5. There is no provision to reimburse the District for monthly testing at its impacted well heads.

6. There is no provision for the development of a new well field in the event treatment becomes ineffective to remove suitable levels of contaminants. Kindly understand that the District has no plan to distribute any water that contains any level of contaminant to its consumers. The business of the Water District is to provide the purest water to its consumers and not the remediation of a superfund site. We acknowledge a civic responsibility to assist in the mass removal of contaminants only to the extent the purest water can be distributed to our consumers.

7. The District has not been consulted regarding the placement of the off site monitoring wells. This is the same situation which occurred ten years ago when the Water District was required to force Grumman and the DEC to move the initial RI/FS off site. I would have hoped that both Grumman and the DEC realize that no agency has more knowledge of local hydrology or has done more to protect the public water supply than the Water District.

8. The Plan gives the public the impression that "... risk of exposure remains in the event engineering controls fail." If the exposure pathway referred to above is via the public water supply, it is indeed presumptuous, as well as incorrect to assume that the Water District would permit such an exposure.

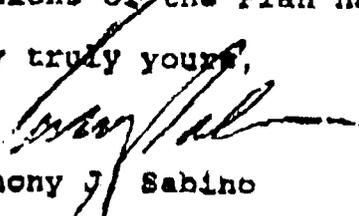
7. Additional comments will be forthcoming in the near future.

At this time, I am aware that Grumman, as well as DEC personnel have changed in the recent past. I will attribute the lack of communication to these changes. Since the initial unpleasant meeting in December of 1990, the District has been an active participant in the investigation and remediation process. The result of such participation has been consistently positive. When the District is involved the public meetings have been productive

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and orderly. When the District has had to question plans developed without Water District participation, the meetings have been chaotic and embarrassing to Grumman and the regulatory agency. Now, at the conclusion of this most difficult process, it would be unfortunate to revert to the antagonism and mistrust of a decade ago. The Water District expects to be able to meet with representative of Grumman and the DEC to discuss the above items prior to the public meeting. The District acknowledges that some portions of the Plan have been reviewed by the District engineer.

Very truly yours,



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