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RE: Northrop Grumman Site, Naval Weapons Industrial
Research Plant (NWIRP)-Bethpage, Grumman Steel Los Site,
Nassau County Sites No. 1-30-003A, B&C.

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This letter is a response to both your enclosed correspondence of May 11, 2001 and a followup to our subsequent telephone conversations regarding the above referenced sites. The subject was comments raised by the Massapequa Water District regarding bullets 8 and 10 of Section 8, entitled "Summary of the Selected Remedy" for Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) Groundwater Record of Decision (ROD) for the Northrop Grumman and Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Sites. This letter is being written, at your request, to summarize the NYSDEC response to these comments.

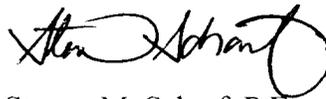
The first sentence of Bullet 8, Section 8 states "the formation of a technical advisory committee (TAC) as deemed necessary by the NYSDEC." As covered in comment 2 of your May 11th correspondence, the NYSDEC has already stated at the March 22, 2001 meeting that, at this time, a TAC committee is warranted and will be formed. Currently, Geraghty and Miller, Inc., on behalf of the Northrop Grumman Corporation, is preparing graphic material for presentation to the TAC. Once this is complete, a TAC meeting will be held to discuss this information and other pertinent aspects of the OU 2 remedial program. Currently, the a TAC meeting is envisioned for the middle of August or the beginning of September.

Bullet 10 of Section 8 calls for a public water supply contingency plan for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of wellhead treatment systems and/or comparable alternative measures, if necessary. If wellhead treatment is required, the contingency remedial program would cover design, construction and operation and maintenance (O&M) of any wellhead treatment system or the requirements of a comparable alternative. If, after a reasonable time frame, Northrop Grumman and/or the Department of the Navy fail to meet their obligations for implementing the contingency provisions and/or the overall requirements of the ROD, then the New York State Superfund program would fulfill that obligation. The State of New York would then seek recovery of those costs.

One of the requirements of any ROD is to be protective of human health and the environment. This requires that any wellhead treatment or comparable remedial alternative be operated and maintained for as long as is necessary.

I trust that this satisfactorily responds to your comments questions regarding the Northrop Grumman an NWIRP OU 2 ROD. If you have any questions, please contact me at (518)402-9620.

Sincerely,



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Re: Record of Decision - Northrop Grumman and
Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant Sites
D&B 1883

Dear Mr. Scharf:

On behalf of the Massapequa Water District, we have reviewed the above referenced Record of Decision and have the following comments and request for clarification.

1. While it appears to be implicit in the ROD that design, construction and monitoring of a water supply remediation system will be paid for by Northrop Grumman and the Department of the Navy, it is not explicitly stated. Also, there is no mention of Northrop Grumman and the Navy providing payment for operation and maintenance of the remediation system. Any cash settlement also would need to include long-term operation and maintenance, in addition to design, construction and monitoring.
2. The statement that a Technical Advisory Committee will be formed "as necessary" by NYSDEC is unclear. To the best of my recollection, it was stated by NYSDEC at the meeting on March 22, 2001, regarding comments on the PRAP, that a TAC would be formed.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

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