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Mr. Frank J. Flood, Jr. (Chairman)
Mr. John F. Caruso (Treasurer)
Mr. Vincent Guadagno (Secretary)
Massapequa Water District
84 Grand Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758-4990

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Navy's Draft Record of Decision for Operable Unit 2 -
Groundwater; Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant
(NWIRP) Bethpage, New York; NYS REGISTRY #1-30-003B

The Navy has received the Massapequa Water District's request for additional time to review the subject Draft ROD for OU 2 - Groundwater that was received in a letter dated June 12, 2002. The letter requests that the deadline for comments concerning the Navy's OU 2 ROD be extended for at least ninety (90) days from the original due date of June 21, 2002 to allow more time to study this report and provide comments that are in the best interest of the District.

While the Navy appreciates the District's efforts to provide a thorough review of the Navy's ROD for Groundwater, the request for a 90-day extension in addition to the original 30-day comment period can not be granted. However, the NYSDEC has also requested a time extension for review of the subject ROD until July 10, 2002, which was granted in a letter sent to NYSDEC on June 24, 2002. Therefore, in response to the District's request, the Navy is formerly notifying the Massapequa Water District, by issuance of this letter, that the deadline for submitting comments regarding the subject Draft ROD has been extended until July 10, 2002.

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Please note that the Navy's ROD is being submitted to formerly accept responsibility for certain groundwater remedial components that were included in the NYSDEC's ROD for Groundwater issued on March 29, 2001, for which a public meeting and public comment period were held to discuss this issue. The Navy is in no way, advocating or otherwise recommending changes to the NYSDEC ROD for OU 2.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (610) 595-0567, extension 163.

Sincerely,



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Remedial Project Manager
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

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