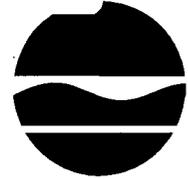


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RE: Naval Weapons Industrial Research Plant  
 (NWIRP) Bethpage Operable Unit 2 (OU2)  
 Groundwater Remedy, Nassau County, NYSDEC  
 Site No. 1-30-003 B.

Dear Mr. Colter:

The Department of the Navy (the Navy) has issued a revised draft Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 2 of the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) Bethpage Plant 3 Facility. This revised NWIRP ROD was received by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), for review on December 30, 2003. The Navy has agreed that, within a reasonable time frame, the State of New York could review this ROD and transmit comment comments, if any to the Navy. This letter serves to transmit NYSDEC and NYSDOH comments on the Navy NWIRP OU 2 Groundwater ROD.

**1. Page DS-3, First Paragraph, Page DS-5, Regulatory Acceptance, Last Two Sentences Page 3, First Sentence; Page 32 and 33, Groundwater Remedial Program, Public Water Supply Protection Program and Responsiveness summary First Two comment Responses on Page A-5:** The Navy ROD must state that the remedy also fails if the long term operation, maintenance and monitoring program is not being implemented or if treatment for Bethpage Water District Wells 4 and 6 are no longer being funded.

**2. Page DS-4, Page 4 and Page 33, Public Water Supply Protection Program:**

- a. This section needs to include the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings. The TAC meetings will be held at the discretion of the NYSDEC.
- b. Add a bullet for the Navy's non-detect goal for this project.
- c. Add a bullet that states any private well/residence that has been or will potentially be impacted by Site related contamination will be connected to public water.
- d. **Last Bullet:** Add a statement that if the public wellhead treat contingency program identifies the need for wellhead treatment, the NYSDEC will direct the Navy to implement this program.

**3. Page DS-3, Page 3 and Page 31 and Page 34, Groundwater Remedial Program, Bullet 4:**

- a. Add "or any other area identified as requiring such determination."
- b. Add "and determine if a contaminant mass removal program as per the GM 38 D2 program is necessary."

**4. Page 19, Section G, Last Paragraph, Second to Last Sentence and Page 34, No. 7:** This sentence needs to read:

"The above determination would be made by the NYSDEC and State and County Health Departments, in consultation with the Department of the Navy."

**5. Page 20, Section 7: Summary of Alternatives:** Alternative's 2 through 8 must include items F, G and H.

**6. Page 31, First Paragraph:** Change the last three sentences to read "implement the remedies selected by the NYSDEC ROD to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment."

**7. Page 33. Bullets 5 and 7:** Add "trigger values must be accepted by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH."

Thank you for the opportunity for NYSDEC and the NYSDOH to comment on the draft Navy OU2 Record of Decision and for extending the comment review period. If you have any questions or require any clarification on the above comments prior to revising the draft Navy ROD, please contact me at (518)402-9620.

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