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Re: Summary Report on Sampling & Analysis of Soil and Groundwater  
at Building 95 and Groundwater at Site 11, Brunswick Naval Air Station

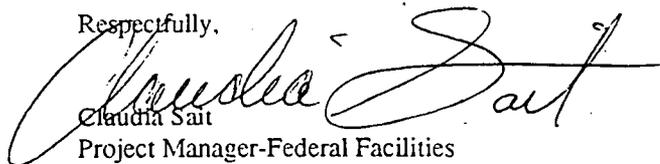
Dear Emil:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP or Department) has received the report entitled Summary Report on Sampling and Analysis of Soil and Groundwater at Building 95 and Groundwater at Site 11, NAS Brunswick (June 1998) prepared by Harding Lawson Associates. Based on that review the Department has the following comments and issues. The document was very good and the Department has only one general comment.

The analytical laboratory detection limit for toxaphene is given as 5.2 µg/L U for water. The Maine Exposure Guideline (MEG) for toxaphene is 0.3 µg/L, while the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is 5.0 µg/L. Therefore, it was not determined if the concentration of this compound exceeded Maine standards. This non-compliance needs to be mentioned in the report. The Department believes that the actual concentration of toxaphene would have been less than the MEG, and will not require resampling. In the future, the Navy must require their service labs to use detection methods that are lower than the MEG.

Please feel free to call me at (207) 287-7713 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

  
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