

**New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation**  
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**John P. Cahill**  
Acting Commissioner

Mr. James Colter  
Department of the Navy  
North Division, Naval Facilities Eng. Command  
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Dear Mr. Colter:

I wish to make a few remarks about our meeting on June 5, 1997 at the NYSDEC Region 1 office, attended by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, the Navy and its consultant and DEC staff.

1. Phase 2 RFI Work Plan

The drawings and field sampling plan which you handed out at your presentation are acceptable. The participating agencies and you agree that the RFI's and other environmental investigations are being done in phases, and that additional tasks could be requested before a study could be deemed complete.

In order that the work plan be documented properly, I suggest that your minutes of the meeting reference each of the eight areas discussed and the agreements reached, especially in regards to additional groundwater monitoring wells.

2. The drawings used for your phase 2 RFI proposal are the types of documentation that the participating agencies have been requesting since at least October 1996. We have asked for maps with groundwater contours and groundwater plumes (site-specific and regional), but you have not produced them. Your drawings, mentioned above, do not contain groundwater contours or plumes, but the tabulated data as presented are a good starting point.

The fact that you have produced such maps for a draft RFI work plan leads one to conclude that our requests for site-wide and site-specific drawings with groundwater contours and plumes are not far-fetched as seem to be indicated by your reluctance to do so. I am again requesting site-wide and site-specific maps/ drawings that show groundwater contours and groundwater plumes and tables consolidating salient data (similar to your maps for the phase 2 RFI proposed work plan). These should include all past and present data generated either by Grumman and the Navy; the phase 2 RFI report would be a good document for including these drawings.

3. The Nature Conservancy Map. The NYSDEC has not been negotiating with Nature Conservancy on the environmental investigations at the Calverton NWIRP, nor is the Conservancy an owner or PRP of the site. Since we have no authority to direct the Conservancy, in terms of use or data or on any task it may wish to perform, NYSDEC will look on its data as an addendum to the Navy's (which has not yet been produced).

2.

The Conservancy's data does not answer our requests for site-specific groundwater contours and plumes and tabulated data and is not detailed enough for our use, since it encompasses too large and area. It was also mentioned at the June 5 meeting that the Conservancy's map could be "...off by ten percent..." the meaning of which is unclear.

Please contact Jeff McCullough or myself if you have any questions at (518) 457-3976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsden Chen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marsden Chen  
Bureau of Eastern Remedial Action  
Division of Environmental Remediation

c: J. Pim, SCDHS