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Dear Mr. Colter:

I have received your questionnaire regarding extending my term on the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the installation restoration program at the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP) in Calverton, New York. Given that the Conservancy's mission is biodiversity conservation, and that the focus of the RAB is now on details of remediation, the regular participation of The Nature Conservancy at RAB meetings does not appear to be essential. Therefore I am not requesting that my term on the RAB be extended for another two years. However, if you anticipate that the presence of The Nature Conservancy would be useful at a particular future meeting we certainly would be glad to attend. Either myself or Shelley Green, the Conservancy's new Pine Barrens Project Director, would be the likely Conservancy representative.

The Nature Conservancy remains interested in ground water issues in the vicinity of NWIRP, especially relating to water quality in coastal plain ponds to the southwest of NWIRP and ultimately to the Peconic Bay. The Nature Conservancy greatly appreciates the Navy's cooperation in carrying out the cooperative ground water study in 1997, which helped us to better understand likely shallow ground water flow directions. If TNC can be of help relating to future ground water quality or ecological issues, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

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