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Mr. James Colter
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Re: Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP)
Calverton, New York
EPA ID No.: NYD003995198

Dear Mr. Colter:

Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 is required to establish a baseline of treatment, storage and disposal facilities regulated under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA). Specifically, EPA is responsible for tracking progress at these facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "GPRA RCRA corrective action baseline" or "baseline") with regard to remediation and/or compliance monitoring for determining the effectiveness of the chosen remedies or stabilization measures and for reporting this progress to the public.

In New York State (NYS), the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received authorization for its hazardous waste management program as being fully equivalent to the federal RCRA program. Consequently, DEC is the primary regulatory organization for the implementation of the hazardous waste management program within NYS.

This is to inform Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant that EPA and DEC have selected the above-referenced facility for the GPRA RCRA corrective action baseline for the year 2008. The 2008 baseline becomes effective October 1, 2005; however, we are now providing notification to you because the list will soon be made available to the public.

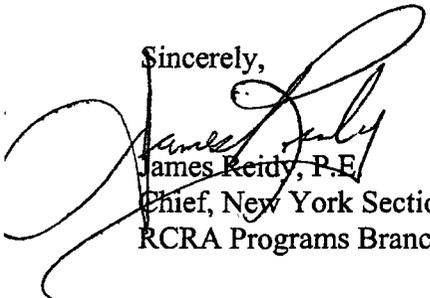
As you know, your facility is currently one of 1,714 facilities nationwide on the 2005 RCRA GPRA corrective action baseline. EPA developed two "environmental indicators" to measure the success of cleanup efforts on the 2005 baseline. Those indicators are verifying that (1) current human exposures are controlled and (2) that there is no further migration of contaminated groundwater. EPA's goals for measuring progress under the 2005 GPRA baseline are by the year 2005, 95% of these RCRA facilities have current human exposures controlled and 70% of these facilities have migration of contaminated groundwater under control.

For facilities on the 2008 baseline, these two environmental indicators will continue to be used for measuring success. The goal for the human exposure controlled indicator remains at 95%. This is because EPA and the States have designated over 1900 high priority facilities nationwide for the 2008 baseline, which is an increase on the order of 200 facilities nationwide from the 2005 baseline. The 2008 goal for the groundwater under control indicator has been increased to 80%.

Additionally, for facilities on the 2008 RCRA GPRA corrective action baseline, EPA has established two additional national measures for tracking progress. These measures are (1) the state or EPA formally selects a remedy(ies) for the entire facility designed to meet RCRA corrective action long-term goals; i.e., achieve long-term protection of human health, the environment, and groundwater, and (2) the state or EPA acknowledges that the facility has completed construction of said remedy(ies) for the entire facility. EPA's goals for measuring progress under GPRA for these two additional measures are by the year 2008, the state or EPA will have made the remedy(ies) selection determination for 30% of the facilities on the 2008 baseline and the state or EPA will have made the construction completed determination for 20% of the facilities on the 2008 baseline.

EPA and NYSDEC stand together in our commitment to assist your facility to meet or maintain positive determinations for each of these four measures of progress. Should you have any questions about the 2008 baseline, please contact Ms. Carol Stein, P.E., of my staff, at 212-637-4181.

Sincerely,



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Chief, New York Section
RCRA Programs Branch

cc: Edwin Dassatti