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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

May 25, 1999

DW-8J

Mr. Thomas Brent
Environmental Protection Department
Code 095
Naval Surface Warfare Center
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RE: RFI Phase II Soils Report Approval
SWMU 09/05 Pest Control Area/
R-150 Tank Site
Naval Surface Warfare Center
Crane, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brent:

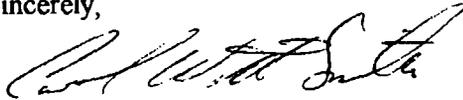
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) hereby approves the final report: RCRA Facility Investigation, Phase II Soils Release Characterization, for SWMU 09/05, Pest Control Area/ R-150 Tank site, dated September 1998. Because the soils investigation shows there is potential risk at several sampling locations and a release has been identified in soil, A Phase III Release Characterization to define the extent of the soil contamination and data to support a risk assessment is the next step. Also, a Phase III Ground Water investigation should take place concurrently under the same work plan to determine the concentration, rate, and extent of the plume at the site.

The U.S. Navy should consider this unit as a higher priority for funding since ground water contamination exists and the U.S. EPA goals for environmental indicators to ground water would apply to this unit. Scheduling and funding for the next phase should

be agreed upon by the Naval Surface Warfare Center Core Team Members and priorities established for this remedial investigation continuance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (3 12) 886-6146,

Sincerely,



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