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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Thomas Brent  
Environmental Protection Department  
Code 095  
Naval Surface Warfare Center  
300 Highway 361  
Crane, Indiana 47522

RE: RFI Phase II Soil Release  
Assessment Report Approval  
SWMU 04/02 McComish Gorge  
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 Soil Release Assessment, for SWMU 04/02 McComish Gorge, dated September 1998. Results of the investigation indicated that a release of explosives, inorganics, and semi-volatile organics from McComish Gorge has likely occurred to the soil.

The U.S. Navy is scheduled and funded for Risk Assessment for the site. The risk assessment work plan should include objectives to delineate the waste boundary of the unit. Contamination detected in soil boring 04/02-1A-90 and 04/02-02-90 should be delineated. The U.S. Navy is also performing a facility-wide background study which will re-establish a quality background database for this site. That data should be used for any further comparisons to what is naturally occurring in the area.

It is recommended that this facility be kept as a high priority in scheduling and funding, especially since there are ground water concerns at the site. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-6146 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Witt-Smith".

Carol Witt-Smith  
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