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Ms. Alida Karas
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Re: NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, COLTS NECK, NJ; INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR

Dear Ms. Karas:

As agreed during the meeting of September 9, 1988 between Mr. Frank F Faranca of NJDEP, Mr. David Smith of my staff and yourself, the eleven sites addressed in Interim Report, Confirmation Study to Determine Existence and Possible Migration of Specific Chemicals In Situ of December 1986 will all continue on into a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. This office has recently amended the contract with Westen Inc. to develop an RI/FS workplan for the eleven sites.

This letter is intended to finalize Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command's plans for addressing US EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's concerns and comments related to the 18 other Installation Restoration Sites that were not included in the Interim Report. Northern Division has reviewed the State and US EPA's comments, previously forwarded to the Navy by your letter of July 28, 1988 and have ascertained through discussion with personnel at Naval Weapons Station Earle that there is not adequate information and/or data to conclusively answer these concerns. Therefore, we propose the development of a Site Inspection (SI) workplan for 16 of the remaining IR sites. Two sites, #18 and #21, Demilitarization Furnace and Baghouse and Cyclone Dust Storage Area adjacent to Building S-589 respectively, will be addressed as current Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permitted operations and therefore not included in the Installation Restoration Program or the SI workplan.

If there are any questions concerning this matter please contact Mr. Steve Vukelich, Environmental Engineer at (215) 897-6432.

Sincerely,

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Head, Restoration Management Section
By direction of the Commanding Officer

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