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Mr. Dave Smith
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Re: Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Earle
Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Smith:

At our meeting of 7 January, 1986, you agreed to submit a number of documents to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) so that we may complete our review of the Verification Study plans for NWS Earle. These documents include the laboratory QA/QC plan, the QA/QC short form and an addendum to the work plan. We agreed that the addendum would state that the Navy will issue interim reports after each round of sampling at NWS Earle, and that EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will have the opportunity to comment on these reports. The addendum should also explain that EPA and DEP will be included in the decision-making process concerning the necessity and location of additional wells at the eleven sites being studied.

In addition, please keep us informed of the status of the work currently underway at NWS Earle, as well as the planned start-up date for the sampling program.

We look forward to hearing from you soon so that we may move ahead with our review and concurrence of your study. Thank you for your cooperation.

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