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Mr. John Kolicius
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Re: Review of the Navy's *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis* and *Action Memorandum* for the Proposed Removal Actions at Sites 22, 23, and 27, NWS Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Kolicius:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Navy's *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis* and *Action Memorandum* for Sites 22, 23, and 27 at NWS Earle which was submitted for review on September 4, 1996. We concur with the Navy's decision to remove approximately 660 cubic yards of soil impacted by paint disposal operations at these sites so to minimize the potential for migration of metals and organics in surface and ground water. We have already submitted to you comments on the accompanying Workplan.

We appreciate the Navy's efforts through these removal actions to address environmental concerns at NWS Earle. If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 637-4320.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Gratz, Project Manager
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