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Contract Task Order No. 206

Subject: Submission of Draft Final Report
UST Phase I RI Report for Various Sites
NWS Earle - Colts Neck, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Helland:

Brown & Root (B&R) Environmental is pleased to submit one copy of the subject report. We have addressed your August 1, 1996 comments on the May 1996 draft report, and we are issuing this draft final for your approval.

Regarding your comments concerning AOC C-17/20 (main-side gasoline service station), we offer the following clarifications:

- The June 1994 work plan and B&R Environmental's March 8, 1995 implementation plan indicated that the remedial investigation (RI) would be performed in two phases. The implementation plan addressed first-phase RI field work only and did not include a scope of work or budget to conduct an analysis of alternatives.
- Throughout the planning and performance of the RI at C-17/20, B&R Environmental was not informed of the purpose, extent, or schedule for the site renovations. The NWS Earle underground storage tank (UST) coordinator, Greg Goepfert, arranged a meeting with B&R Environmental and NWS Earle's Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) in order to coordinate the RI with the construction work. Although B&R Environmental and Mr. Goepfert met at the designated meeting location, representatives from the ROICC office did not attend the meeting. Following the meeting, B&R Environmental discussed the RI sampling requirements with Northern Division. B&R Environmental understood that the RI sampling was to focus on the area within the immediate vicinity of the gasoline service station facilities. The on-going renovations at the site prohibited access to subsurface soils within the vicinity of the former gasoline service station facilities. B&R Environmental ultimately acquired soil and groundwater samples from locations that were accessible.
- Based on the environmental investigations that have been performed at or near the site, including the 1992 site characterization, the 1995 UST closure site investigation (SI), and the 1995 CERCLA RI, additional UST RI-type field work seems unnecessary at this time. However, additional site-specific information is required to confirm the appropriate corrective action alternative.

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- B&R Environmental became aware of the Navy's decision to address the diesel-pipe-related contamination as part of the UST program, after the draft RI report was issued. Based on work performed under CTO 231, B&R Environmental incorrectly assumed that all site-related contamination was to be addressed under the IR program.

We hope that the attached revisions to the RI report meet your requirements. Following your review and approval, we will issue five copies of the final RI report including three sets of appendices. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to complete technical services for the Navy. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or require revisions to the subject report.

Sincerely,

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