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Mr. Thomas J. Kalitowski  
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Dear Mr. Kalitowski:

This Command has made significant progress in adjusting the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) work plan and schedule for the subject facility to comply with the goals that your staff outlined during our meeting of 1 December 1986. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its consultant, RMT, Inc., have been asked to finalize the RI Report by June 29, 1987 and to submit the initial FS alternatives to be screened at the same time. The FS Report is scheduled for completion by 30 October 1987. The RI/FS Reports will be prepared based on monitoring data and information which currently exist, as agreed to, during our December meeting.

It should be noted that Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command intends to continue to define the upgradient sources in order (1) to determine if any significant amount of contamination is the result of non-Navy upgradient sources and (2) to determine the quantity and concentration of contaminants that are present in the groundwater and soils of the NIROP Facility. If this investigation demonstrates that the groundwater entering NIROP is significantly contaminated, it is our understanding that your office will take the necessary steps to pursue the potentially responsible parties and ensure that the groundwater is remediated prior to reaching the NIROP Facility.

The Navy has directed Corps of Engineers to utilize the groundwater cleanup limits which MPCA and FMC agreed to pursuant to their 'Response Order by Consent' executed on October 28, 1986 in the development of the subject RI/FS Reports. This limit of 270 ppb total VOC will also be used to define a significant upgradient plume of contamination or source of contamination.

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Any questions concerning this matter or the schedule for completion of RI/FS work should be directed to Mr. David Smith, Environmental Engineer at (215) 897-6280.

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