



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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RE: Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Glass:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed your letter of February 28, 1997, requesting an extension for the date of submittal of the Draft Final Workplan for Operable Unit 3 of the Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant Superfund Site. The extension is from February 28, 1997 to April 14, 1997, and was submitted pursuant to the Federal Facility Agreement, dated March 27, 1991, between the MPCA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Navy (Navy).

The MPCA staff hereby approves the extension; however, the MPCA staff would like to clarify its position with regard to the second statement under "Good cause for extension."

The MPCA staff did not say that the laboratory in question "will not deliver data of acceptable quality." It is not possible for the MPCA staff to determine what any laboratory will do in the future. The MPCA staff said that the staff had concerns about the findings of past audits of this laboratory and recommended that the Navy use a laboratory that recently performed significantly better in a similar audit. Also the MPCA staff recommended that the Navy use a CLP laboratory and/or one that is certified by the Minnesota Department of Health and/or a state with a reciprocal certification program. It is the MPCA staff's understanding that the Navy decided to act on the above recommendations and chose not to use the laboratory in question. The MPCA staff believes that this is a reasonable decision.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (612) 296-7818.

Sincerely,



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cc: Thomas Bloom, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency