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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
ATTN: Regulatory Compliance Section
520 Lafayette Road
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Subj: GROUNDWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (GWTF), NAVAL INDUSTRIAL
RESERVE ORDNANCE PLANT, FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA, NPDES PERMIT NO.
MN 0000710, REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN THE EFFLUENT VOC MONITORING
FREQUENCY

Ref: (a) Annual Operations and Maintenance Report, Rev 0, October 1999

By separate mailing on December 21, 1999, the Navy submitted the Annual Operations and
Maintenance Report to the MPCA.

In accordance with NPDES Permit No. MN 0000710, we have been monitoring the Volatile
Organic Compounds (VOCs) of the effluent from the Groundwater Treatment Facility (GWTF)
twice monthly since startup of the system over a year ago. Our monitoring of the discharge
showed that the contaminant levels were well below the discharge limits as documented in the
Annual Operations and Maintenance Report. The report recommends reducing the frequency of
discharge monitoring, which requires written approval from MPCA. We therefore, request your
approval for reducing VOC monitoring of discharge from twice to once monthly.

Note that the Annual Operations and Maintenance Report also provides the results of air
emission monitoring and the emission rates were determined to be consistently below the site
specific allowable emission rates.

Please provide your response and any comments to us by 1 February 2000 because our current
operator's contract will be expiring March 31, 2000 and we would like to resolve any issues.

Please call me at (843) 820-5562 for any clarifications or questions.

Sincerely,

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