

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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RE: United States Navy/United Defense, L.P.
Hazardous Waste Storage Facility
Minor Modification Number 1 to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
EPA Identification Number MN3170022914

Dear Mr. Aubert and Mr. Hildre:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the document entitled, "RCRA Facility Investigation Report," dated March 2001.

The MPCA staff hereby approves the report as modified below:

Section 4.0, Conclusions, Page 20, Item 3

The MPCA staff agrees that additional monitoring wells are needed downgradient of the former Paint Shop area. The ground water monitoring wells would be used to monitor natural attenuation and to determine the downgradient fate of breakdown products including vinyl chloride. Prior to development of a work plan, the MPCA staff requests that United Defense LP meet with the staff to discuss the design goals of the downgradient monitoring.

The MPCA staff requests that the monitoring network be designed, at a minimum, to:

- better define the direction of groundwater flow in the Paint shop area;
- better determine the downgradient groundwater direction relative to the former Paint Shop;

Mr. R. W. John Aubert and Mr. Douglas Hildre

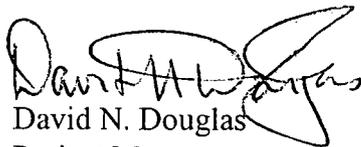
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- monitor the downgradient ground water chemistry required to establish whether or not natural attenuation is a potential remedial alternative for the Paint Shop area; and
- monitor the shallow and intermediate zones downgradient of the former Paint Shop.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (651) 296-7818.

Sincerely,



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