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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Attn: CAPTAIN PAUL McMAHON, JR.
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**RE: Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP), Fridley, Minnesota
Five-Year Review Report**

Dear Captain McMahon:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Five-Year Review Report dated October 2003, developed by TETRA TECH NUS, Inc. for the Department of Navy (Navy) and transmitted via an e-mail correspondence on October 27, 2003. EPA concurs with the Navy's conclusion that the Remedy for Operable Unit 1 remains protective and the Remedy requiring Land Use Controls for Operable Unit 2 and Operable Unit 3 signed in September 2003 will be evaluated in the next Five-Year Review. It is EPA's understanding that the State of Minnesota also plans to concur with the Navy's conclusions.

EPA remains committed to working with the Navy in implementing the recommendations and follow-up actions and addressing the current issues identified by this review. It is EPA's understanding that the Navy will sign this report and provide printed copies to the regulatory agencies for inclusion in EPA's site files.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Seely of my staff at (312) 886-7058.

Sincerely,

for

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cc: David Douglas, MPCA