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Subj: CLOSURE OF TANK FARM 4 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS, NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER, NEWPORT

Dear Mr. Fester:

I am writing to inform you of actions recently taken which affect the schedule for closing eleven 2.5 million gallon underground storage tanks at the Naval Education and Training Center.

The Navy has been using Defense Environmental Restoration Account (DERA) funding to carrying out various cleanup and closure action at NETC, including the McAllister Point Landfill, North Melville Landfill, Tank Farm 4, and Tank Farm 5. Work at Tank Farms 4 and 5 has been coordinated among the Divisions of Waste Management (UST closure issues) and Site Remediation (both LUST and CERCLA sections).

Recent overruns have occurred on the two landfill projects which were not anticipated in our budgeting. In addition, Congress has not yet appropriated DERA funding for Fiscal Year 96, which began 1 October, and we anticipate significant cuts when it is appropriated. Consequently, we have been forced to suspend some work at Tank Farm 4 in order to provide additional funding to cover the overruns.

Due to uncertainties in our DERA budget, we cannot provide a firm schedule for resuming work at Tank Farm 4 at this time. However, we expect the funding picture to be clearer within the next few weeks. At that time, we will provide a schedule for accomplishing additional work at Tank Farm 4.

Let me reaffirm the Navy's commitment to completing closure actions at Tank Farm 4 in as expeditious a manner as possible. This commitment is reflected in the recently completed closure of Tank Farm 5 at a cost of more than \$9,000,000, and the ongoing work at the landfills, which totals nearly \$15,000,000.

We look forward to continuing our good working relationship with the DEM in prioritizing the remaining efforts in light of our decreasing budget.

Sincerely,



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Head, Environmental Department
By direction of the
Commanding Officer

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