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Re: Final Work Plan for the Supplemental Ecological Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is in receipt of the Final Work Plan for the Supplemental Ecological Report (SER) dated September 30, 1997 and submitted to NJDEP on October 31, 1997. The Final SER Work Plan was submitted after the Navy responded to NJDEP's comments on the Draft SER. The chronology of documents is as follows:

Date of Document	Date of Cover Letter	Title of Document
June 19, 1997	June 19, 1997	Draft Work Plan - SER
August 21, 1997	August 21, 1997	NJDEP's Comment Letter
September 12, 1997	± September 12, 1997	Responses to Comments on June 19, 1997 SER Work Plan
October 27, 1997	October 27, 1997	NJDEP's Comment Letter
September 30, 1997	October 31, 1997	Final Work Plan - SER

Upon review of the Final SER Work Plan, NJDEP has determined that the Navy has not addressed NJDEP's October 27, 1997 comments. However, based upon telephone communications, the outstanding issues appear to have been addressed, at least verbally. Therefore, because of the timing of the submittal of the documents and actual field work that has already taken place at the site, it is acceptable for the Navy to address the remaining issues (i.e. total vs. hexavalent chromium analyses in both sediment and surface water, and the minimum or instrument detection limit for the gold amalgam method for inorganic mercury analysis) in the SER Report that summarizes the ecological sampling and analyses.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 633-1494.

Sincerely,

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