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Re: Warminster Naval Air Warfare Center NPL Site
Warminster Township
Bucks County
Record of Decision, Operable Unit 1B
Letter of Concurrence

Dear Mr. Monaco:

The Final Record of Decision (ROD) dated August 2000, for Operable Unit 1B (OU 1B), which pertains to groundwater for Area B, Warminster Naval Air Warfare Center (the Site), has been reviewed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

The Final ROD includes the following information:

1. Operable Unit 1B groundwater is defined as groundwater which might be impacted by Navy operations associated with Sites 5, 6, and 7, in the southeastern part of the facility.
2. An Interim ROD for OU 1 was signed in 1993.
3. The Interim ROD called for a pump and treat system for Area B groundwater, due to contaminant concentrations found in the original wells in the area.
4. As new wells were installed and tested during the design and construction phase of the system, no contaminant plume was identified, and contaminant concentrations were not reported above the maximum contaminant levels.
5. The Navy has continued to monitor wells in Area B.
6. Several removal actions have been completed in Area B soils, and a Final ROD was issued in June 2000 for Operable Unit 7, which included the Sites 6 and 7 soils.
7. A Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 10, covering Site 5 Soils and Sediments from Site B is currently open for comment.

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- 8. The risk assessment for potential residential use of Area B groundwater shows that no action is necessary to protect human health and the environment.
- 9. The alternative the Navy has selected for this Site is a "No Action" alternative.

The Department hereby concurs with the remedy selected for the Warminster Naval Air Warfare Center NPL Site OU 1B for the following reasons and with the following conditions:

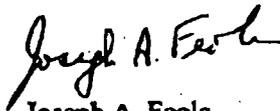
Pennsylvania's Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, Act 2 of 1995, 35 P.S. Sections 6026.101 - 6029.909 ("Act 2"), Pennsylvania's Solid Waste Management Act, Act 97 of 1980, as amended, 35 P.S. Section 6018.101 et seq. ("Act 97"), and the regulations adopted pursuant to these statutes are ARARs for this response. Implementation of any component or components of this response will not necessarily result in protection from liability pursuant to Act 2, for any party.

This concurrence with the selected remedial actions is not intended to provide any assurance pursuant to CERCLA Section 104(c)(3), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(c)(3).

The Department reserves its rights and responsibilities to take independent enforcement actions pursuant to state and federal law.

This letter documents the Department's concurrence with the remedy selected by the Navy in the ROD for OU 1B for the Warminster Naval Air Warfare Center NPL Site. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,



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