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Dear Mr. Sheckels:

The purpose of this letter is to request the Navy to conduct a CERCLA response to known and potential private well contamination attributable to the subject site.

As stated in a letter to the Navy dated May 4, 1993, "in any case where a contaminant level attributable to NAWC in offsite well water is confirmed to exceed a Removal Action level, the Navy should respond (as required by CERCLA) to eliminate unacceptable exposure to the contaminants of concern as soon as possible".

In particular, when validated data indicates site-related VOCs in a private water supply exceed a Removal Action Level, the Navy should provide an alternative drinking and cooking water supply (e.g. bottled water) within two working days of the data validation (see Enclosure for Removal Action Levels).

In addition, within five working days of data validation, the Navy should provide treatment for bathing and showering water. If treatment of the bathing/showering water cannot be provided within 5 working days, the resident should be offered the opportunity to be relocated temporarily until the treatment is installed. Provision of bottled water may stop after the entire water supply of the residence is being treated. The Navy should develop and implement an O & M plan for the water treatment system of concern. An alternative is to provide a connection to a local municipal water supply system.

Where validated sampling results are above the MCL but below the Removal Action Level, the response described above should also be considered.

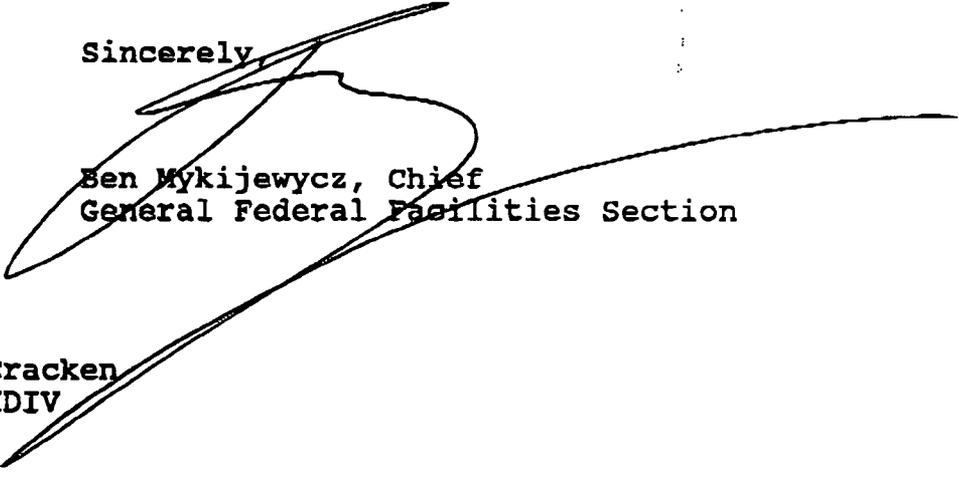
Please provide the Navy's response to the request outlined above in writing to the EPA by COB May 10, 1993. As part of this response, please identify how you plan to respond in the case of

the Smith residence, where an unvalidated concentration of 140 ug/l of PCE was found. This level is twice the Removal Action level of 69 ug/l and significantly above the MCL of 5 ug/l.

In addition, by COB May 11, 1993, please provide the Navy's response to EPA's request for additional water supply sampling as outlined in EPA letters dated April 23, 1993 and May 4, 1993.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please call me at 215-597-3535.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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