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LETTER REGARDING U S NAVY REQUEST TO POSTPONE JANUARY 2001 QUARTERLY
SAMPLING EVENT AT JET ENGINE TEST CELL UNTIL APRIL 2001 NAS CECIL FIELD FL
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Contract Task Order No. 108

Subject: Request to Postpone Monitoring Event at JETC
Naval Air Station Cecil Field

Dear Mr. Grabka:

Per our earlier discussions, the Navy proposes to postpone the January 2001 Jet Engine Test Cell (JETC) quarterly sampling event until April 2001.

Currently, the JETC is under a MONA order for quarterly monitoring of several wells. Additional wells were added during recent BCT meetings. The most recent sampling event took place in October 2000. The results were discussed at the December 2000 Petroleum Tank Subcommittee meeting and the report will be submitted in the near future.

The reason for postponing the January 2001 event is that conditions and knowledge of the site on which the MONA was based on has changed, as described below. At this point, samples are being collected to satisfy the requirements of the MONA, but the data being obtained at this time is of limited value. The following specific conditions at the site were considered in this request:

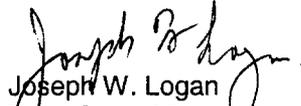
1. In late 1999, the two 20,000 gallon underground storage tanks that were located to the northwest of Building 339 were excavated. Contaminated soil in the vicinity of the tanks was also removed. However, additional contaminated soil which was observed to the east of the tanks could not be removed at that time. The Navy will excavate the remaining contaminated soil in early 2001. This soil probably represents a possible source of contamination to the groundwater. Therefore, significant changes in groundwater contaminant concentrations may not be occurring, as anticipated by the MONA.
2. Additional wells will be installed in early 2001 along the south (downgradient) side of the site to delineate contamination detected in wells 334-2Sa and 811-8S. These wells would be sampled during the planned April 2001 JETC event. Based on these results, a SAR addendum and a revision to the MONA order will be required.

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Therefore, the January 2001 sampling event at the JETC should be postponed until April 2001, following the completion of the excavation and well installation described above.

If you have any questions, please call me at 412-921-7231.

Very truly yours,


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