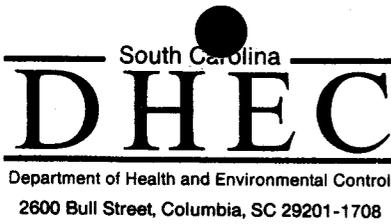


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LETTER REGARDING SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT REPORT DATED 9 OCTOBER
1996 FOR BUILDING 701 CNC CHARLESTON SC
12/06/1996
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL



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Re: Assessment Report dated October 9, 1996
Charleston Naval Base Building # 701 (Site Identification # 17663)
Charleston County

Date: December 6, 1996

Dear Mr. Magwood:

The author has completed technical review of the referenced document. As submitted, the report provides analytical results of environmental sampling conducted to determine if releases have occurred from operation of the referenced underground storage tank system. The results presented indicate elevated levels of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) were detected in areas of the tank pit. The results exceed the levels proposed in the Soil Corrective Action Plan (dated July 18, 1996) and appear to necessitate additional endeavors for remedial actions (soils removal) and contamination characterization (assessment activities, including groundwater investigations), as appropriate. In this regard, assessment/corrective action activities provided in the Tank Management Plan (dated October 18, 1996) should be implemented in an appropriate and timely manner. Please be reminded that groundwater sampling (if necessary) will require construction of sampling points and will need to be submitted for prior review and approval, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 734-5328.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul L. Bristol".

Paul L. Bristol, Hydrogeologist
Groundwater Assessment and Development Section
Bureau of Water

cc: Trident District EQC