

December 17, 1984

William F. Clark  
Chief Hearing Examiner  
Department of Health and Mental  
Hygiene  
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Re: Naval Ordnance Station  
Complaint and Order C-O-85-165  
Hearing Office Docket No. 84-E-287

Dear Mr. Clark:

I received your letter of December 12, 1984 in the above-captioned matter setting the hearing for Wednesday, December 19, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. This letter is to make a joint request for an indefinite extension of the hearing based on the circumstances described below. Both the Navy and the Office of Environmental Programs (OEP) believe this matter can be adjourned without date subject to rescheduling if necessary.

The Naval Ordnance Station and OEP are close to a resolution of the cleanup at issue in this case. However, there is a necessary period of testing and possible closing negotiation. It seems extremely unlikely that there will ever need be a contested hearing in this matter. However, to preserve that right to the Navy we ask that the matter be adjourned without date for their possible rescheduling should the matter become disputed.

Very truly yours,

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Programs

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cc: Captain James D. Tadlock  
✓ Mr. Scott Markert