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LETTER FROM U S NAVY REGARDING HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE COMPLAINT AT
AUXILIARY THERMAL TREATMENT AREA 24 MAY 1991 NSWC INDIAN HEAD MD
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Maryland Department of the Environment
Hazardous Waste Enforcement Division
Attn: Mr. Mansoor Zakai
2500 Broening Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224

Gentlemen:

On May 24, 1991, Site Complaint number SC-0-91-206 was issued to our facility. This complaint stated that we were storing hazardous waste at our Auxiliary Thermal Treatment Area (ATTP) over 90 days. Also, the complaint stated that this accumulation site was not considered secure. In response to the complaint, we have taken the actions outlined in the following paragraphs.

All of the hazardous waste that was located at our ATTP has been moved into a fenced area located at Building 721. This area will be used as a less-than 90 day accumulation site for hazardous waste to be treated at our Production Thermal Treatment Point which includes the ATTP. In addition, any thermally treated wastes awaiting laboratory analysis will be held in this area and managed as a hazardous waste pending analysis results.

However, we were unable to transport the overage waste off-site for disposal or into our permitted building, Building 455, for storage. Because this hazardous waste is explosively contaminated, it must be thermally treated before either of these actions can be followed.

Based on our current explosive scrap generation rates and the Department of Defense (DoD) explosive safety quantity distance limitations on our facility, we expect to complete treatment of the explosively contaminated hazardous waste by August 30, 1991. DoD explosive safety regulations require that we give priority to treatment of the waste most likely to endanger human health.



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If possible, we will complete treatment of this hazardous waste ahead of schedule. Also, to keep you apprised of our progress, we will provide you with a report on the amount of overage waste treated monthly. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Sherry McCahill on (301) 743-6745/46.

Sincerely,



KENNETH D. MORIN, P.E.
Director, Utilities/
Environmental Division
By direction of
the Commanding Officer

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