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Ms. Armalia Berry  
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Dear Ms. Berry:

The Hazardous Waste Program, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has received the closure certification and supporting documentation submitted for the hazardous waste storage area, specifically buildings 362, 501, 508, and 700 at the Dahlgren Division Naval Surface Warfare Center, White Oak Detachment, located at 10901 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20903-5648.

Based on our review, the Navy appears to have met the closure requirements of Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.13.05.07. However, final approval of closure is dependant on the submittal and review of the closure activities by a certified independent Professional Engineer along with the results of an inspection of the regulated units by Mr. Stephen M. Markowski of my staff. This visit is scheduled for April 24, 1998. Once we are satisfied, through a final inspection and proper certification that the permitted storage areas have been closed in accordance with the requirements of COMAR 26.13.05.07, and COMAR 26.13.05.07 F(1), the aforementioned buildings will then be considered closed and thereafter will not be regulated as a permitted storage facility for hazardous waste.

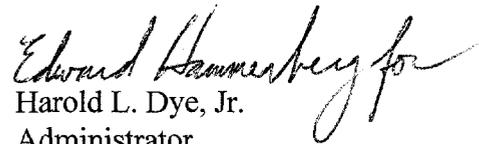
A final correspondence will follow after the required inspection of the previously permitted storage buildings and receipt of the required certification attesting that the facility has been closed in accordance with the approved closure plan. This final correspondence will formally release the Navy from its responsibilities under CHS Permit Number A-226. You will also be provided with an invoice for your CHS Annual Permit Fee, pro-rated through date of closure.

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We are aware of the Administrative Order concerning site remediation of the White Oak Detachment which was issued to the Navy by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 18, 1998. Be advised that successful completion of closure of the hazardous waste storage units in buildings 362, 501, 508, and 700 does not relieve the Navy of any of its responsibilities under the order.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Stephen Markowski of my staff at (410) 631-3345.

Sincerely,

  
Harold L. Dye, Jr.  
Administrator  
Hazardous Waste Program

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Mr. Stephen Markowski