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BOB MARTIN Commissioner

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Re:

Parcel 61 Property Category Determination

Fort Monmouth, NJ PI G00000032

Dear Ms. Green:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is in receipt of the July 23, 2012 Parcel 61 Property Category Determination, submitted by the Department of the Army. As proposed in the submittal, further evaluation of Parcel 61 indicates the majority of the property (excluding that area near ECP parcel 64, and which is not included within the Clinic Parcel proposed for transfer, see Figure 1 of submittal), previously categorized as Category 7 — Areas that are not evaluated or require additional evaluation, should now be categorized as Category 1 — Areas in which no release of disposal of hazardous substances or petroleum products have occurred (including no migration of such substances from adjacent areas).

As indicated in the July 23, 2012 submittal, concurrence from "the appropriate State official" is required in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9620(h)(4)(B) for properties designated Category 1.

The Department has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of the re-categorization of the majority of Parcel 61 from Category 7 to Category 1, which includes the above referenced submittal, information in the case file, and additional documentation received on August 3, 2012. Investigation of the parcel identified a former #2 fuel underground storage tank, satisfactorily removed in January of 2005, with no exceedences of applicable cleanup criteria noted, as well as a single location containing low levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which was found to not be associated with site operations nor indicative of a discharge, but rather representative of the paving formerly existing in the area.

The Department concurs with the Department of the Army's proposal to change the property classification for the majority of Parcel 61, as described above, from a Category 7 to a Category 1.

If you have any questions regarding this matter contact this office at (609) 984-6606.

Sincerely,

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