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Dear Mr. Desai:

Re: Site Investigation

Fort Monmouth DOD Facility
Fort Monmouth, Monmouth County

## REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

We have discussed on several occasions and in at least two correspondences, the cleanup and close out of the Fort Monmouth facility from our current hazardous waste site case list. In order for the DEPE to assist you in the eventual delisting of your site from the current list of hazardous waste sites in New Jersey, our office must work through an agreement. Such an agreement would provide a schedule and assurances that there will be good faith efforts from both the NJDEPE and your facility.

The NJDEPE utilizes several different consent documents which would assure final delisting of your facility from our hazardous waste site case list. The Division of Responsible Party Site Remediation, which now incorporates the old division of Hazardous Waste Management, operates through responsible party funding. To date, the NJDEPE has obtained no agreement for repayment of NJDEPE oversight costs from your facility. We therefore respectfully request that the Department of Defense provide funding for those oversight costs associated with the cleanup and delisting of your facility.

## INVESTIGATION

In order for the NJDEPE to determine if contamination at your facility is below regulatory cleanup limits, it is essential that we receive a commitment from your facility to conduct an investigation of suspected contaminated areas. The investigation should be documented in a report. This report will then undergo review and comment by the NJDEPE and USEPA. The decision as to how we will proceed after the investigation will be based on the information obtained in the report and current cleanup standards used by the NJDEPE.

Several of the areas of concern as noted in NJDEPE files have been cleaned and subsequently sampled by your program. These results should be compiled and submitted in report form to the NJDEPE for review. Based on the data, we may

then delete these areas from our list of areas of concern at your facility. Please refer to my June 8, 1990 letter (attached) which referenced areas which the NJDEPE considered to be of concern. Several of these areas may be uncontaminated and therefore pose insignificant risk to human health and the environment. By submitting information on sampling data and methods, etc., we can discern those areas which were noted as areas of concern in USTHAMA reports (and my June 8, 1990 letter) from areas more likely to contain significant contamination.

The NJDEPE would like to be directly involved in the sampling and analysis of data at those areas of significant concern. Please contact us a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the initiation of investigatory work performed in direct relation to this letter.

In the very near future, I would like to discuss the information which you have on those areas noted in the June 8, 1990 letter and the possibility of designing and implementing an agreement between our programs for an investigation and delisting of the Fort Monmouth facility from the hazardous waste site case list. Please call me at (609) 633-1455, so that we may discuss the options available to us.

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