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Ms. Linda Range New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Southern Field Operations 401 East State Street, 5th Floor PO Box 407 Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Temporary Suspension of Long Term Monitoring Program for Groundwater

Fort Monmouth, Oceanport New Jersey, PI# G000000032

Dear Ms. Range:

As discussed with Parsons yesterday, the U.S. Army Fort Monmouth (FTMM) would like to temporarily suspend the long term monitoring program (LTMP) for groundwater at sites FTMM-22, FTMM-53, FTMM-59 and FTMM-68. These four sites are currently in the remedial investigation (RI) phase and the field work has been completed or will be completed in the near future. The collective RI data provides a good characterization of the concentrations of constituents in the groundwater and allows for the evaluation of the groundwater (as a whole) in the RI/FS process. Although the LTM of the groundwater has provided us a sufficient understanding of the groundwater chemistry for these sites, there is minimal benefit to continuing the LTMP while characterization of these sites is being completed under the RI process. Additionally, by temporarily suspending the LTMP, it will alleviate the confusion between the NJDEP and Parsons when RI -type comments are included in the LTM Groundwater Reports. Once the RI/FS is completed and a remedy has been accepted by the NJDEP, a revised LTMP for the groundwater will be submitted for these sites.

Please let us know if you agree with this approach. If you agree, we plan to discontinue the LTMP for these four sites in the 1st quarter of 2016.

The technical Point of Contact (POC) for this matter is Cris Grill at (617) 449-1583 or by email at cris.grill@parsons.com. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me by phone at (732) 380-7064 or by email at william.r.colvin18.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

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