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BOB MARTIN Commissioner

October 29, 2010

Mr. Joseph Fallon, CHMM Directorate of Public Works ATTN: IMNE-MON-PWE 167 Riverside Ave. Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703

RE:

Base-Wide Glauconitic Soil Sampling Plan

Fort Monmouth, NJ

Dear Mr. Fallon:

The NJDEP Site Remediation Program (SRP) has received and reviewed the revised Base-Wide Glauconitic Soil Sampling Plan dated October 13, 2010. The stated intent of the Base-Wide Glauconitic Soil Sampling Plan is to "confirm and document that select TAL metals detected in groundwater on the Main Post are naturally associated with glauconitic soils".

As you know, SRP reviewed prior versions of the sampling plan and provided comments, primarily about the compositing of soil samples. We have also discussed the sampling plan with Chuck Appleby and John Montgomery of your staff. SRP believes that the proposed soil and ground water sampling procedures and methodologies are now technically correct. As such, we are willing to take the results of the proposed sampling into consideration. However, that is not an assurance that we will concur with the conclusions that Fort Monmouth draws from the investigation, or that the results of the proposed glauconitic soil sampling will be a significant factor in any remedial decisions.

You or your staff may contact me at 609-633-0766 with any questions on the enclosed comments, or any other site remediation matters at Fort Monmouth.

Sincerely,

Larry Quinn, P.E., Site Manager

Bureau of Investigation, Design and Construction