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Re: Fort Monmouth – *Record of Decision for Landfill Sites FTMM-02 and FTMM-08*

Dear Mr. Colvin:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed its review of the Record of Decision (ROD), dated October 2017, that addresses Fort Monmouth landfills FTMM-02 and FTMM-08.

The ROD states that the remedial investigation concluded that a remedial action is required for FTMM-08, however risks to human health and the environment for soil are within acceptable ranges at FTMM-02. The Department appreciates the Army utilizing the Department's "Guidance on Coordination of NJDEP and USEPA PCB Remediation Policies" and undertaking a response action to address contamination in excess of the Department's PCB remediation standard, despite the risk being within the CERCLA acceptable ranges. In addition, the Department appreciates the Army addressing potential safety concerns with methane gas. The Department concurs with the remedy specified in the ROD.

The remedy to address the landfills includes:

- excavation and off-site disposal of PCBs with concentrations above 25 ppm;
- engineering controls in the form of a two-foot vegetated soil cap on each landfill;
- institutional controls consisting of a deed notice for each landfill;
- establishment of a Classification Exception Area at FTMM-02 and FTMM-08; and
- installation of a passive methane venting system at FTMM-02.

The remedy is protective of human health and the environment and complies with Federal and State requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process to select an appropriate remedy. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Maybury, Chief, Bureau of Case Management at (609) 633-1455.

Sincerely,



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