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PEPLY TO Directorate of Engineering and Housing

State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection and Energy
Division of Responsible Party Site Remediation
ATTN: Mr. Ian Curtis
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Re: U.S. Army Fort Monmouth, Site Investigation Report -Potential Hazardous Waste Sites.

> NJDEPE Correspondence (Dated June 08, 1990), Site Investigation of Fort Monmouth DOD Facility.

Dear Mr. Curtis,

At the present time, the Directorate of Engineering and Housing's (hereafter "The DEH") Environmental Office is making preparations to investigate and fully document all areas of known or suspected contamination at Fort Monmouth. It is also our intention to work closely and coordinate all efforts with the NJDEPE's Division of Responsible Party Site Remediation staff. The DEH's objective in conducting the site investigation will be to determine once and for all whether or not contamination exists at the referenced sites and if so does it pose significant risk to human health and the environment. The ultimate goal for conducting the study is to delist Fort Monmouth from NJDEPE records as having potential hazardous waste sites.

Areas to be investigated will include all sites referenced in the May 1980 U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency's Report entitled "Installation Assessment of Fort Monmouth". In addition, all sites referenced in the NJDEPE correspondence dated June 08, 1990 will be investigated and fully documented. Our current plan calls for hiring an outside environmental consulting firm to prepare an initial report. The report will identify each site referenced in the above listed documents and provide a discussion of the history and activities which took place at each site. Futhermore, the report will also include any past sampling activities, the purpose for collecting the samples, types of samples collected, sampling methods employed, associated analytical results and a comparison of the results to current NJDEPE cleanup standards. For sites which have not been previously investigated, the report will propose a sampling plan designed to confirm or deny the presence of contamination.

We currently anticipate awarding a contract to a qualified environmental consulting firm by May 01, 1993. The report preparation will be conducted over a three month period which will bring us to the end of July. Approximately one month will be needed to review and finalize the report for a September 01, 1993 submission to the NJDEPE. After the report has been reviewed and approved by the Division of Responsible Party Site Remediation staff, the sampling plans outlined in the report will be implemented. The exact date sampling activities commence will be contingent upon the amount of time the NJDEPE takes to review the report and the availability of FY94 funding. Upon completion of the investigation, a second report will be prepared and submitted to the NJDEPE and will provide a discussion of the new analytical findings. If no significant contamination is discovered as a result of the study, the DEH will seek to have Fort Monmouth delisted from NJDEPE records as having potential hazardous waste sites.

On the subject of project oversight, the DEH is agreeable to provide funding to the Division of Responsible Party Site Remediation for its involement in the project. Further discussions need to be made on this subject to determine the amount of funding which will be required and how the funds will be tracked for audit purposes. In closing, the DEH environmental staff looks foward to working with you and your staff on this project. If you should require any additional information or help at this time, please contact Mr. Joseph Fallon. He can be reached at the following telephone number: (908)532-6223.

Sincerely,

James Ott

Acting Director

Directorate of Eng. & Hsg.