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### Approval

Re: *November 26, 2014 Response to Comments –on the Final Baseline Ground Water Sampling Report (August 2013)*  
Fort Monmouth  
Monmouth County  
PI # G000000032  
Activity Number: RPC000001

Dear Ms. Green:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed a review of the referenced Response to Comments dated November 26, 2014, submitted in response to the Department's comment letter dated July 3, 2014 regarding the Final Baseline Ground Water Sampling Report.

The *Response to Comments* agrees with or acknowledges the Department's comments for areas FTMM-03, FTMM-04, FTMM-05, FTMM-08, FTMM-12, FTMM-14, FTMM-22, FTMM-25, FTMM-53, FTMM-54, FTMM-55, FTMM-56, FTMM-57, FTMM-58, FTMM-59, FTMM-61, FTMM-64, and FTMM-66.

#### **FTMM-18**

The Department had indicated low-flow sampling must also be performed if Passive Diffusion Bag Sampling (PDBS) is conducted, for comparison purposes. The *Response to Comments* submittal contends as low-flow sampling has been historically conducted at this area, PDBS sampling only is appropriate. Based upon this reasoning, the Department agrees the performance via PDBS only is acceptable for the ensuing round of ground water sampling. The PDBS results are to be compared to the previous low-flow sampling results and presented in the forthcoming sampling report.

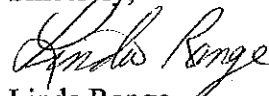
#### **FTMM-68**

The Department had expressed concern regarding the use of PDBS for long-term monitoring. FTMM-68 has not been fully characterized, and the use of PDBS for longer term monitoring is acceptable only for well characterized sites, as per the DEP's Field Sampling Procedures

Manual. As per information provided in the *Response to Comments* submittal, a Remedial Investigation to fully characterize the area is to be conducted in the near future using low-flow sampling methodology, and request approval for the use of PDBS to characterize contaminant concentrations in the interim. This is acceptable based on the stipulation that a full remedial investigation is to be performed. The November '14 *Response to Comments* ( Section V), however, indicated the Remedial Investigation Workplan for FTMM-68 was awaiting DEP approval. Although some clarification was requested, the proposed remedial activities, soil and ground water, were approved for the FTMM-68 area via letter dated *January 8, 2014*, which addressed the RI/FS Workplan for FTMM-22, FTMM-53, FTMM-59 & FTMM-68.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (609)984-6606, or via email at [Linda.Range@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Linda.Range@dep.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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