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Mr. Joseph Fallon
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Fort Monmouth, NJ 07703 - 5101

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Re: Decision Documents
Sites M-2, M-3, M-5, M-8, M-12, M-14
Fort Monmouth Main Post
Tinton Falls, Monmouth County

Dear Mr. Fallon:

Please find attached signed copies of the decision documents for the above noted sites. The NJDEP is pleased to approve the proposed stream embankment stabilization project. This operation is the first part of the remediation at these sites. As we have discussed, the NJDEP expects that remedial action workplans and decision documents addressing the actual contaminant concerns at these landfills will be forthcoming.

Fort Monmouth has recently submitted an individual Fresh Water Wetlands permit package to the Land Use Regulation Program. The Bureau of Case Management has requested an expedited review of these documents and we believe that this review and permit issuance will occur before August 1999.

The Army should note that as this site is a DOD facility, it is required that remedial activities are consistent with the National Contingency Plan (NCP). As a result, remedial investigations must be followed up with feasibility studies, proposed plans, public meetings, and records of decision. It is also typical for these facilities to have an executed oversight document with the NJDEP or USEPA. Fort Monmouth has refused to sign such oversight documents and has further chosen to move through the remedial action stages in a similar but less formal manner. While the NJDEP does not agree with the circumvention of the established procedures, we have been pleased with the result of equally diligent investigations and quality of remedial activity. Please be aware that we continue to encourage the NCP process, particularly those that promote public participation.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 633-7232.

Sincerely,

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