

June 24, 2010

Ted Gabel
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Picatinny Arsenal, NJ 07806-5000

Re: 600 Area Proposed Plan
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

Dear Mr. Gabel,

EPA has reviewed the Army's response to comments (RTCs) on the 600 Area Proposed Plan and does not agree with the Army's response to General Comment 1 in which the Army refused to change its preferred remedy from groundwater monitoring and land use controls (LUCs) to source removal, monitored natural attenuation and LUCs. As you may be aware, Angela Carpenter, EPA Special Projects Branch Chief, spoke to Francis Coulters, Picatinny Project Officer, regarding the 600 Area Proposed Plan on June 22, 2010. Mr. Coulters indicated that a decision has been made to remove the rock from the landfill and to develop a plan for conducting additional assessment in the area. That being the case, EPA will defer a decision on the RTCs until we are able to determine the adequacy of the work plan for additional assessment of the potential source area.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 637-4335.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: G. Zalaskus, NJDEP