

June 8, 2010

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Re: Record of Decision for Groundwater and Surface Water at
Group 3 Sites, February 2010
Picatinny Arsenal, NJ

Dear Mr. Gabel,

EPA finds the response to comments e-mailed to this office on June 4, 2010 to be satisfactory except for the following:

General Comment 3 – It is requested that the following language be added to that proposed by the response to comments: “It should be noted that residential land use at Group 3 Sites will be restricted by the Land Use Control plan that will be detailed in the Group 3 RD. In addition, the Group 3 RD will include a contingency for vapor intrusion sampling should any building located above the plume become occupied during the remedial action for groundwater.”

General Comment 4 – The second paragraph of Section 2.3, Remedial Action Objectives states: “The RAOs for the Group 3 Sites (PICA 008) have been developed in such a way to that attainment of these goals will result in the continued protection of human health, **ecological receptors, and the environment** (emphasis added). The RAOs are specific to groundwater contamination and **incidental surface water impacts** (emphasis added) originating from the Group 3 Sites (PICA 008).” Since this language insinuates that the remedy will protect ecological receptors and the environment and that the RAOs are in part specific to incidental surface water impacts, then there should be a RAO to reflect this such as: “To achieve NJSWQC for the identified contaminants of concern to ensure that groundwater remediation mitigates potential surface water impacts.”

Specific Comment 13 – EPA accepts the response although “New Jersey Surface Water Quality Criteria” should be changed to “NJSWQC”.

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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