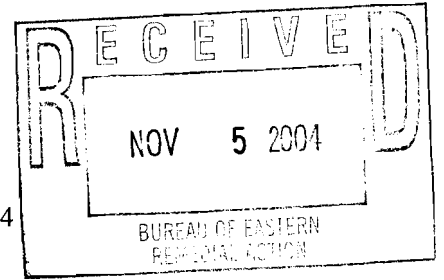


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Grumman Corporation Facility
Bethpage, New York
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D&B No. 1883

Dear Mr. Scharf:

On behalf of the Massapequa Water District, we have reviewed the groundwater data for the first quarter of 2004, which was provided by Arcadis G&M, Inc. on behalf of the Northrop Grumman Corporation in a letter dated October 18, 2004. Based on that review, the following comments are offered:

- The report describes results for groundwater samples collected in March and April of 2004. As we have requested on several previous occasions (letters dated September 29, 2003, February 23, 2004 and June 23, 2004), the groundwater data should be provided in a more timely manner, within 60 days of receipt of the analytical results, instead of more than 6 months after collection of the samples.
- The sample results for off-site monitoring wells GM-75D2, located near the intersection of North Wantagh Avenue and Hicksville Road, and GM-34D2, located approximately 2,300 feet downgradient of GM-75D2, continue to show elevated concentrations of trichloroethene (TCE) (890 micrograms per liter (ug/l) and 150 ug/l, respectively) and total volatile organic compounds (935 ug/l and 183.5 ug/l, respectively). The presence of these elevated concentrations of VOCs in deep off-site groundwater west of the site shows that a significant groundwater plume is present significantly downgradient of the "GM-75D2 hot spot," which remains a concern regarding the potential for contamination of Town of Hempstead Levittown Water District Well No. 6. It is again requested that the Navy and Northrop Grumman Corporation be required to investigate, delineate and remediate this contamination.

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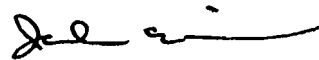
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (516) 364-9890.

Very truly yours,



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