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Ms. Laura Fly
Naval Facilities Engineering Command - Mid Atlantic
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RE: GM38 Groundwater Remediation System, Bethpage

Dear Ms. Fly,


The Navy has been utilizing the Town of Oyster Bay Arthur Avenue basin to dispose of effluent water from the GM-38 Area treatment facility. The recharge basin is consistently full of water, and recent groundwater elevation measurements in the area of this basin has identified significant mounding of the water table which can potentially result in flooding of the adjacent homes.

You had previously indicated to the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the Town that your office was preparing plans for a full maintenance undertaking for the basin, but as of this date nothing had been submitted to this office.

The local residents have been concerned about the continuous volume of water that does not drain or recharge properly. While the recharge basin remains full of water it presents an attractive nuisance to the local community and needs to be addressed.

The Town of Oyster Bay desires to assist the Navy in any and all possible ways to expedite the cleanup of the Navy Grumman plume which affects over 250,000 of our residents; however, we do not want that cleanup to become the burden of the Town of Oyster Bay, its taxpayers, and especially the local residents.


We therefore request that you immediately set up a meeting with my office to discuss the condition and restoration of the recharge basin as well as other options to the utilization of the recharge basin for your disposal of effluent from your remediation treatment facility. We would also like to discuss with you a plan for soil sampling of the Arthur Avenue recharge basin to understand fully what if anything has been deposited in that basin over the past years that is as been utilized by the Navy. Please contact Matthew Russo, P.E., Division of Engineering, at (516 677-5719 to coordinate this meeting.


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GM-38 NAVY ARTHUR AVE BASIN ISSUES


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