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Mr. Cecil A. Rodrigues
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
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Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Newark South Ground Water Plume Concurrence Letter

Dear Mr. Rodrigues:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 28, 2016 requested Delaware's concurrence to list the Newark South Groundwater Plum Site located in Newark, Delaware, on the National Priorities List (NPL) pursuant to authority under Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended 42 U.S.C. Section 9605. On November 29, 2016 Former Governor Jack Markell stated in a letter to your predecessor that "The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) has evaluated the Site and due to the risk the Site poses to human health and the environment, concurs with EPA's proposal to list the Site on the NPL". As Delaware's Governor, I concur with DNREC's and EPA's NPL listing proposal because this property is considered a high priority Site requiring investigation and a remedy to address the impact to the public drinking water supply of the City of Newark.

Delaware is committed to the continued cooperation of the Federal and State government to implement the CERCLA program. Should this Site be listed on the NPL, DNREC will continue to assist the EPA in making the necessary cleanup decisions to protect public health and the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this issue or Delaware's participation in the CERCLA program, please contact Marjorie Crofts, Director of Waste and Hazardous Substances by email at Marjorie.Crofts@state.de.us or by phone at 302.739.9400, Timothy Ratsep, Administrator of the Site Investigation and Restoration Section by email at Timothy.Ratsep@state.de.us or by phone at 302.395.2600.

Sincerely,


John C. Carney
Governor

cc: David Small, DNREC Secretary
Marjorie Crofts, DNREC-WHS Director
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