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Ms. Darina Castillo  
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Department of Energy  
Office of Legacy Management  
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Re: Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST)  
Middlesex Sampling Plant, Middlesex, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Castillo:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST), dated March 2020 for the Middlesex Sampling Plant (MSP) located in Middlesex, New Jersey. Based upon our review of the FOST, supporting information and Department of Energy's responses to comments, EPA has no further comments on the FOST for the southern portion of the site.

The southern portion of the site (approximately 5.52 acres) is intended to be used for a new Department of Public Works facility and for the construction of a public access road on the southern portion of the FOST Parcel. The public access road will also serve to provide an alternate route other than Mountain Avenue for construction vehicles and the warehouse on an adjacent property (245 Mountain Avenue). This FOST applies only to that portion of the MSP property and to no other portion.

At the MSP facility two operable units under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), were investigated. Operable Unit 1 (OU1) addressed soils, buildings, and debris located on the entire 9.6-acre property. In 2005, a CERCLA Record of Decision (ROD) was signed which documented the appropriate response actions to be taken. From 2006 to 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency implementing the response action, remediated the soil for unrestricted use. Groundwater at the site is being addressed under OU2 which will require appropriate response actions under a separate ROD. Groundwater contamination has been found to be limited to the northern portion of the property and is not within this 5.52-acre parcel. A separate ROD will address this operable unit and therefore is not addressed in the FOST.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (212) 637-4432 or Adriana Morocho-Torres at (212) 637-4418.

Sincerely,

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Federal Facilities Section

cc: Donna Gaffigan, NJDEP