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Dear Colonel O'Dowd:

This is to follow-up on my letter, dated February 20, 2003, in which I requested your personal attention to help Allen Roos, Evangelos Antzoulis (Angelos), and their respective teams achieve construction completions at the Wayne, Vestal, and Claremont Polychemical Superfund sites by September 30, 2003.

The New York District in cooperation with Kansas City District did ensure that construction was completed at all three sites prior to the end of the fiscal year. For your information, EPA achieved its national target of forty construction completions in FY 03, twelve of which were within the jurisdiction of EPA Region 2. Needless to say, the District's contribution was extremely important to EPA in meeting its national cleanup goal.

I want to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to you for your support and also commend Allen, Angelos, and their respective teams for accomplishing the very arduous and challenging tasks demanded of them by this office – in this case, completing construction at the Wayne, Claremont, and Vestal sites. In doing so, the Corps effectively dealt with changing field conditions, especially at the Wayne and Claremont sites. This is not the first time that NAN teams have fulfilled the challenges imposed by EPA. The District is also managing the Federal Creosote, Chemical Insecticide, Montclair/Glen Ridge, and the U.S. Radium sites with distinction.

In closing, please convey our deepest gratitude and congratulations to Angelos, Allen, and their respective teams for a JOB WELL DONE.

Sincerely yours,

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