MEMORANDUM:

From: Code 1821/JLC
To: Code 1821/RFL

Subj: TRIP REPORT FOR 11 AUGUST 1994 SITE VISIT TO NAS WILLOW GROVE, PA

1. As requested by Paul Greco (Environmental Dept. NAS Willow Grove), I visited NAS Willow Grove on the above date to meet with representatives from Matrix Realty, Pennoni Associates, Inc., and Wells Appel Land Strategies. The reason for the trip was to discuss the current and future status of NAS Willow Grove IR Site 3 - 9th Street Landfill.

2. It was explained to me that a prospective buyer (Advanta Services, Inc.) is interested in the Commonwealth Corporate Center, a piece of property located adjacent to NAS Willow Grove near Site 3. Matrix Realty currently owns the property. Wells Appel Land Strategies has been retained and they have hired Pennoni Associates to do an environmental assessment of the property. One of their questions is whether or not Site 3 is impacting the property.

3. They were able to identify Site 3 as being of potential concern from our Remedial Investigation (RI) Report dated February 1993, which is on file at our information repository which is located at the Horsham Municipal Building. This meeting was called so that all interested parties could get together and discuss the magnitude of the contamination at Site 3 and the status of any environmental investigations that are or will be planned for the site.

4. The questions regarding Site 3 that were asked were 1) what type of chemicals were identified, 2) at what concentrations, 3) in which wells were the chemicals observed, 4) which direction is groundwater flow, both shallow and deep, and 5) are further investigations required and if so, when would they be scheduled. I answered all of the above questions with information available in the RI Report. The group asked if they could make a copy of the RI Report for information. Since the report is already part of the public record, we agreed and gave them a copy to reproduce and asked that they return the copy to Paul Greco when they were finished. They agreed.

5. I answered the question regarding further investigations by saying that additional work is required in this area to determine the source of the chemicals and to what extent are they present in the groundwater. But I then explained that since NAS Willow Grove is not currently listed on the NPL, it carries a priority 2 status as far as funding goes. So it is unknown at this time when the additional work will begin. They then asked if this was the only way projects are prioritized. I answered that we also have a risk ranking system which is supposed to prioritize our work based on risk rather than NPL status. They asked how this site was ranked and I told them that I wasn't sure. They then wanted to know if they could get a copy of the risk rankings. I told them that I would have to check to see if it was all right to release, and if it was, I would get them a copy.
6. They were also interested in what measures are in place to prevent or take action against a spill which may occur in the future. Paul Greco referenced the spill control plans for the base and basically said that any spill which might occur is readily dealt with to prevent significant contamination. The group also wanted to copy these plans and again, we gave them to reproduce and asked that they be returned.

7. If you require additional information or want to discuss this issue, I am available at any time.

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