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Chief of Naval Operations (N-45)
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 45-23645-01NA/00-06

Dear Admiral Baucom:

On September 12, 2000, the NRC completed an inspection of the former Building 200 Gun Butt and Harris Depleted Uranium (DU) Mound (a/k/a Pumpkin Neck) sites at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Dahlgren, Virginia. The inspection findings were discussed with NSWC personnel, as well as personnel of the Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO), following the inspection.

During the inspection, the inspector surveyed exterior areas and obtained soil samples in concert with RASO. The purpose of this survey was to confirm the results of DU remediation of the Gun Butt and Pumpkin Neck areas in support of removing these areas from the Navy Master Materials License. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of the analyses of samples taken and of our conclusions when the laboratory results are available.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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