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**Re: Second Five-Year Review Report (2002-2006) for the US Army Materials Technology Laboratory, Watertown, Massachusetts, NPL Site**

Dear Mr. Lederle:

This office is in receipt of the Army's Second Five-Year Review Report, Army Materials Technology Laboratory, dated March 2006. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the report for compliance with the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* (OSWER Directive 9355.7-03B-P dated June 2001). Upon review of this report, EPA concurs with the findings that all remedies which have been implemented are currently protective of human health and the environment.

EPA also concurs that the follow-up action of bank stabilization along the Charles River near the OU-1 remediated area is necessary to address long-term protectiveness. EPA commits to work with the Army through the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) process and via the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) procedures to address the recommendations by the milestone dates set forth in the 2006 five-Year Report.

This second comprehensive Five-Year Review was triggered by the first comprehensive Five-Year Review, completed on March 7, 2002. The 2002 Five-Year Review was triggered by the initiation of remediation activities at OU-3 (Area I) in August of 1996. Consistent with Section 121(c) of CERCLA the next statutorily required five-year review must be finalized on or before March 20, 2011.

Sincerely,

Susan Studlien, Director  
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

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