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U. S. Army Engineer District
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Attn: CEMAK-EP-TD/Mr. George Cornwell

RE: DOD Burn Pit Contamination Debris,
Former LOOW, Model City, New York

Dear Mr. Cornwell:

During the week of July 11, 1994, as CWM Chemical Services, Inc. (CWM) was excavating a trench across the property to install leachate lines for its new landfill, a DOD burn pit was encountered. The burn pit was shallow (approx. 5 feet below grade) and roughly 30-40' in diameter. Within the burn area, CWM encountered three drums, old batteries, U.S. Navy drawings dated 1957, cut cable and other debris. Total amount of material excavated from the trench is roughly 200 cy. CWM excavated through the burn area but did not remove all of the DOD debris. Samples were taken and analyzed. Test results indicate the material is not RCRA hazardous, but contains organic concentration levels which are too high to leave uncontrolled on-site. This debris has been covered with a tarp to limit contamination migration due to rain.

As I explained to Brian Roberts of your office on July 26, 1994, CWM has identified the area where the burn pit is located so the DOD can remove the remainder of the burn pit material easily. Current estimates of the amount of material removed from the burn pit and covered with tarps is roughly 200 cy. If DOD wishes us to do so, this material can be placed in roll-off containers (roughly 10-12) and stored until DOD can arrange for disposal. A storage charge of \$400 per roll-off container per month would be charged from August 1, 1994 until the material is disposed of and the boxes are returned empty and cleaned. Should you wish CWM to dispose of the material for you, please call Mr. Don Kopacz at (716) 754-0209 or 754-0210 for cost and schedule information. Since the material is not RCRA hazardous, it may be disposed of at a Subtitle D facility. DOD may wish to take this option and arrange for disposal themselves.

Please let me know as soon as possible, but not later than August 5, 1994, which of the above options you wish to pursue. I can be reached at (716) 754-0203.

Sincerely,

CWM CHEMICAL SERVICES, INC.

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