

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Bob Martin, Commissioner State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection P.O. Box 402 Mail Code 401-07 401 East State Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0402



Dear Commissioner Martin:

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE

This letter memorializes discussions between Naval Weapons Station Earle (NWSE) and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) staff to facilitate the placement of oysters by NY/NJ Baykeeper (Baykeeper) within the Restricted Area around the NWSE Pier Complex, as defined in 33 CFR 334.102.

NWSE understands that before Baykeeper may proceed with oyster placement, they must receive all necessary permits from NJDEP. NWSE reserves the right to decide whether these oysters may be placed in the area identified by the NJDEP within the Restricted Area. If NWSE determines that oyster placement in the identified area is not feasible, NWSE agrees to promptly notify the NJDEP of its determination.

NWSE confirms that the sites where oysters may be placed within the Restricted Area are patrolled at least sixteen times monthly as part of the routine security surveillance conducted at the Pier Complex. NWSE will promptly notify the NJDEP if surveillance drops below this frequency. NWSE will provide quarterly reports documenting this surveillance per the following schedule: April 15th for the period January thru March of each year; July 15th for the period of April thru June of each year; October 15th for the period of July thru September of each year; and January 15th for the period of October thru December of each year. These reports will be mailed to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Law Enforcement, PO Box 418, Port Republic, NJ 08241.

NWSE agrees to provide to the NJDEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Law Enforcement, notification of any apprehensions made in their security zone of unauthorized attempts to remove oysters within the Restricted Area. This notification shall be made to the NJDEP, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Enforcement Unit Headquarters @ 609-748-2050 within 24 hours of the apprehension.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia Chizmadia at (732) 866-2254 for further information.

Sincerely,

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