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Gwen E. Baker
Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander
Department of the Army
Philadelphia District, Corps of Engineers
Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3380

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Baker:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Statement of Response to Munitions and Explosives of Concern and your May 18 letter to Commissioner Jackson. In that letter, you state that the project area is considered safe for public use throughout the summer provided that recommended land use controls are implemented. DEP concurs with your findings and recommendations and today has provided officials in Surf City and Ship Bottom with a letter (attached) stating this position. The municipalities have acknowledged receipt of the DEP letter. DEP and the municipalities are expecting that USACE will now begin removal of the construction barricades to allow public access to the beaches of the project area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Rosenblatt".

David Rosenblatt
Administrator

Enclosure

c: Leonard T. Connors, Jr., Mayor, Surf City Borough
William Huelsenbeck, Mayor, Ship Bottom Borough