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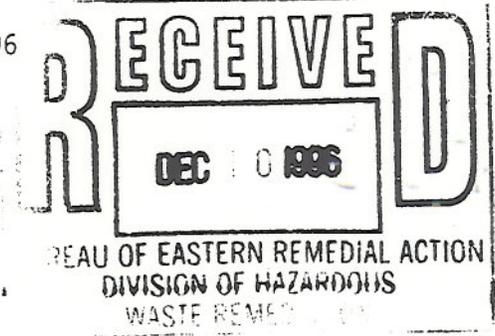
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Ms. Rachel Marino  
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RE: Ballfield Soil Data Summary  
Site# 241017  
Fort Totten  
Flushing, Queens

Dear Ms. Marino:

Thank you for forwarding the data for the soil samples that your contractor collected on September 3, 1996 from the baseball field located on the US Coast Guard property on Fort Totten. I have reviewed the data and have the following comments.

In summary, as we have previously discussed, the purpose of this sampling was to determine the potential exposure of contaminants to children playing on the ballfield. Composite soil samples were collected from 1st, 2nd and 3rd bases, homeplate and the pitcher's mound at 0-1", 1-3" and 3-6" depths. These sample locations were chosen as being representative of ball playing activities. The samples were analyzed for volatiles, semivolatiles, pesticides and PCBs and metals. Based upon our review of the data, no contaminants were detected in the soil at levels that would pose a health concern for users of the ballfield.

Thank you for your cooperation in obtaining the samples and analyzing them. If you have any questions, please call me at (518) 458-6305.

Sincerely,

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