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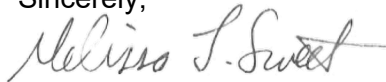
Re: Open Detonation Grounds Feasibility Study  
Seneca Army Depot, NYSDEC Site 850006

Dear Chris Gallo:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (referred to as the "State") has reviewed the Addendum 1: Supplemental Site Characterization for the Open Detonation Grounds at the Seneca Army Depot, dated March 2022, the Errata #1: OD Grounds Feasibility Study Report, Seneca Army Depot, New York dated March 2, 2022, and all the documents referenced therein. We have no further comments and accept these documents.

If you have any questions on the matter, please contact me at (518) 402-9614 or [melissa.sweet@dec.ny.gov](mailto:melissa.sweet@dec.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Seneca OD Grounds FS

Chris,

EPA has reviewed each of the elements of the Feasibility Study (FS) for the Open Detonation (OD) Grounds Site as described in the attached Errata # 1 to the FS, dated March 2, 2022.

EPA hereby approves the FS as described in the Errata Sheet, along with the information in the emails below.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Bob

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Review of Seneca OD Grounds Revised Site Characterization Report and RTC

Thanks Bob,

Army is ok with this approach but would like to discuss sampling options during the RD as we would like to be on the same page as to what would be the most beneficial for EPA's evaluation.

Can the EPA provide a simple email/letter attesting to their "approval" of the FS/Errata?

If you would like to discuss more, please let me know and I will set up a call.

Thanks again Bob!

-Chris

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**Subject:** [Non-DoD Source] EPA Review of Seneca OD Grounds Revised Site Characterization Report and RTC

Chris,

EPA has reviewed the revised Site Characterization Report and RTC for the OD Grounds. We have one comment, related to the surface water evaluation and Response #7 in the RTC:

Despite SVOC exceedances at this location in only one of two sampling events, the results at ODSW-10 indicate potential limited site-related SVOC-impacted surface water at this location. The conclusion section states "Further evaluation of the impacts to surface water and sediment will be considered as part of the remedial design," and we recommend that this include an evaluation of phenol, 2,4-dimethylphenol, and benzoic acid at this location.

Let me know if you have any questions or want to discuss.

Thanks,

Bob

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