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Joseph Martens
Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
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Dear Commissioner Martens:

We are writing concerning the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Northrop Grumman - Bethpage Facility Operable Unit Number: 03 in Bethpage. We urge you to select a treatment option that fully protects the surrounding public water wells.

The proposed remedy, Alternative 5, needs to ensure that the groundwater plume emanating from OU3 does not impact any public water wells. The proposed treatment system needs to be constantly monitored to fully locate the leading edge of the plume and protect any wellheads.

As you are aware, the drinking water on Long Island comes from a sole source aquifer. It is imperative that all actions be taken to protect the water supply for our residents.

We urge the Department, when implementing any Remedial Action Plan for the site, to take all the actions necessary to protect the wellheads for surrounding public water supplies. Our drinking water is too precious and fragile to not make every effort to remove any threats.

Sincerely,

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