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Re: **Approval of McLaren/Hart Inc. for Implementation of the RI/FS at the Island
 Chemical Site, St. Croix, USVI**

Dear Ms. Singer:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your proposed change to the RI/FS contractor from Harding Lawson Associates to McLaren/Hart Inc. dated July 28, 1997 and the proposed change of Phase III RI field activities schedule dated August 6, 1997.

Both changes are hereby approved. Please keep in mind that the contractor change approval is subject to EPA's performance of the Health and Ecological Risk Assessment. We will be forwarding an amendment to the RI/FS Administrative Order on Consent reflecting this change shortly.

Please keep us informed, if there are any changes to the schedule.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin Hauptman, Leader
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 Emergency Remedial and Response Division

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