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Mr. Sid Allison, Chief
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Ret: RPM Meeting, May 19-20, 1992
NAS Pensacola

Dear Mr. Allison:

As we discussed on the telephone, EPA recently requested that a project manager's meeting be held to discuss the numerous issues which are currently affecting the progress towards site remediation at NAS Pensacola with management participation. The three parties to the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), have agreed that a meeting is needed at this time to discuss both general scoping and specific technical issues.

The following major issues must be acceptably resolved by the parties in order to assure continued timely progress towards reaching our cleanup goals:

1. Current status of FY92 funds, and future funding impacts
2. RI/FS Investigative strategy and management
3. commitment and progress toward decision documents (RODs) for remediation at NASP
4. Best use and management of all parties' resources in achieving our goals

Our concerns regarding item 1 are further discussed in a separate letter responding to previous correspondence from James Malone. Failure to resolve item 2 has already had significant negative impact on the RI/FS completion schedules. Our concerns regarding items 2 and 3 are also briefly outlined in a cover letter and agenda which EPA is providing to attendees of RPM meeting scheduled for June 16-17, 1992 at NAS Pensacola.

Due to the substantive nature of the above-listed issues, it is critical that a management representative of the Navy who is prepared to make and implement the necessary decisions, be present when these issues are discussed. Unfortunately, efforts to arrange for such a timely meeting have been unsuccessful.

Since the current Navy RPM will be leaving in July and a replacement RPM has yet to be assigned to the project, the most appropriate Navy:

representative at this time is James Malone, who serves as both chief of the Remedial Activities Branch and the alternate RPM for NAS Pensacola. EPA initially requested that the meeting with Mr. Malone and other appropriate parties be held the week of May 11, 1992. Due to scheduling conflicts, an alternate date of May 19-20, 1992 was agreed to by the RPMs. On May 12, 1992, EPA was informed that the Navy would be unable to provide the necessary representatives on the agreed-to date. Due to previous commitments, the next earliest date on which all parties will be available is June 16-17, 1992.

A preliminary meeting to discuss the above-listed general issues at a management level has been scheduled for May 28, 1992 at the NAVFAC offices in Charleston, South Carolina. Mickey Hartnett, Chief, DOD Remedial Section and Allison Drew, RPM, will be meeting with Mr. Malone and representative from FDER on that date. Your attendance at that meeting is welcome.

BPA is concerned about any significant delays which this may cause to the project, and at the apparent lack of prioritization which the Navy has placed on resolution of the current problems. It is our wish that these meetings will be productive in furthering a team approach for expediting the remedial activities at NAS Pensacola and other naval facilities. EPA requests your attention to this matter so that similar situations can be avoided in the future. Please contact me at 404/347-3016 should you have further questions or wish to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely yours,



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