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Re: Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF) - EPA I.D.# PRD980536221
Approval of RFI and Groundwater Baseline Work Plans

Dear Mr. Penny:

I am writing to you as the Navy's designated Project Coordinator pursuant to Section IX of the January 2000 RCRA 3008(h) Order on Consent (the Order) between the Navy and EPA (the Order). As discussed in my letter of September 12, 2003 to you, following EPA's issuance of its Responses to the public comments received during the August 7, 2002 through November 8, 2002 public comment period, which was done on September 24, 2003, EPA planned to approve the revised work plans, and require their timely implementation.

Accordingly, EPA hereby approves the below listed work plans, which have been modified from the September 2001 Draft work plans that underwent public review and comment (from August through November 2002), as described in Enclosure III of my letter of September 19, 2003 to the individuals and organizations that submitted comments during the public period, which you were copied on:

- 1) the June 12, 2003 *Final Site Specific Work Plan Phase I RFI*, as modified by the revised Table 3-1 submitted by E-mail on August 14, 2003 by Mr. Martin Clasen of CH2MHill on behalf of the Navy;
- 2) the June 12, 2003 *Final Master Work Plan*; and

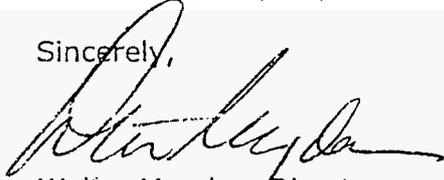
- 3) the September 2001 *Draft Final Work Plan for Groundwater Baseline Investigation at U.S. Navy's Eastern Maneuver Area, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico*.

Pursuant to the schedule given in Section 6 of the June 2003 *Final Site Specific Work Plan Phase I RFI*, the Navy shall commence implementation of the investigations required under that work plan no later than 60 days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Also pursuant to the schedule given in Section 6 of that work plan, the Navy shall submit a draft final report for the Phase I Site Specific RFI results no later than 60 days after your receipt of all validated analytical results required to be gathered under the approved *Final Site Specific Work Plan Phase I RFI*. My letter of September 12, 2003 had previously advised you of EPA's intent to require implementation of the *Site Specific Work Plan Phase I RFI* pursuant to the schedule given in Section 6 of that work plan.

Pursuant to Section VI.F.2 of the January 2000 Order and my letter of September 12, 2003 to you, the Navy shall commence implementation of the approved September 2001 *Draft Final Work Plan for Groundwater Baseline Investigation at U.S. Navy's Eastern Maneuver Area, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico* no later than 60 days from the date of your receipt of this letter. Pursuant to Section VI.F.3 of the January 2000 Order, within 90 days of completion of all required tasks, the Navy shall submit to EPA a draft Final report on the results of the *Groundwater Baseline Investigation*.

No later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of any sample collection activities required under the above work plans, please advise Mr. Tim Gordon, EPA's designated Project Coordinator for the Order, via either Email or telephone, of the dates of the planned activities. If you have any questions, please telephone Mr. Gordon, at (212) 637 - 4167.

Sincerely,



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