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IN REPLY REFER TO:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
RCRA Programs Branch  
Attn: Mr. Adolph Everett, P.E., Branch Chief  
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Re: Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF), Vieques Island, PR, OB/OD Draft Final Closure Plan; EPA I.D. # PRD980536221

Dear Mr. Everett:

This letter is In response to your letter dated June 4, 2004. The Revised Draft Closure Plan For the Open Burn/Open Detonation site at the former Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF) in Vieques, Puerto Rico, is enclosed for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other stakeholder reviews.

The information related from the Master Work Plan for the MEC Site Inspection of Eastern Vieques, and Explosives Safety Submission related to the Closure Plan have been incorporated into the Closure Plan. As a result, references to these documents have been removed from the Closure Plan. However, a copy of the Master Work Plan and Explosives Safety Submission will be provided to you by August 15, 2004.

The enclosure addresses EPA comments received via your letter dated June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and the additional comments received via email from your staff on or about June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. The responses to the comments from EPA, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) and Department of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service are provided in the attached Responses to Comments to the Draft Final Closure Plan. Several of these comments were discussed on the conference call with the CERCLA Technical Committee in Puerto Rico on June 3,2004. These comments and responses have also been incorporated into the enclosed Draft Final Closure Plan dated July 2004.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me at 757-322-4815.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commander

July 30, 2004

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