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SUBJECT: Five Year Review Report
Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)
Cherry Point, North Carolina

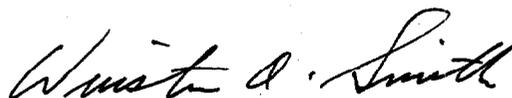
Dear Sir:

This report documents completion of the Five-Year Review for MCAS Cherry Point, specifically Operable Units 1, 2, and 3, as well as a status summary of additional sites, as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in accordance with CERCLA Section 121 (c), as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). This Five-Year Review is required because hazardous substances remain at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. To promote consistent implementation of the Five-Year Review process, this report was reviewed by staff from both the EPA Region 4 office and EPA Headquarters Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

This report determines that overall the remedies at the sites are protective of human health and the environment. The EPA concurs that the remedies selected remain protective of human health and the environment. Discussions and recommendations are also included in the text that address the optimization of system operations.

EPA appreciates the coordination efforts of MCAS, Cherry Point and the level of effort that was put forth in developing this Five-Year Review report. EPA looks forward to continuing the exemplary working relationship with MCAS, Cherry Point and Atlantic Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command as we move toward a final cleanup of this NPL site.

Sincerely,



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