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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Mr. Tom Brent
Naval Surface Warfare Center
EPD, Code 095 B-3260
300 Highway 361
Crane, IN 47522-5001

Re: Letter of Conditional Approval
Final Phase III RFI Quality Assurance
Project Plan SWMU #1 - Mustard Gas
Burial Grounds

Dear Mr. Brent:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the Navy's Response to Comments and revised Final RFI Quality Assurance Project Plan for Solid Waste Management Unit #1 - Mustard Gas Burial Grounds dated June 2001.

Because of review staff workload, ecological responses to comments have not yet been reviewed. However, the nature of the comments has no effect on the sampling work required for this study. As such, the U.S. EPA conditionally approves the above referenced document so that the Navy may begin fieldwork activities this summer. Please note that if there are any further ecological issues, we will contact you immediately.

The QAPP signature page is enclosed for routing. Please provide U.S. EPA with a copy of the completed signature page.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-7890.

Sincerely,

Peter Ramanauskas
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WMB, Corrective Action Section

Enclosure

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