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Captain Robert M. Honey
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Re: Proposed Plan for Sites 14, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27 and 29
(Operable Unit 4)

Dear Captain Honey:

This is to notify you that, after reviewing Naval Weapon Station Earle's Investigation Report and Feasibility Study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) supports Earle's Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 4. As the Plan is subject to public comment, we are deferring our final approval on the proposed actions until we have reviewed comments from the public, the Navy's responsiveness summary, and the draft Record of Decision.

The Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 4 calls for no further action for the sites within Operable Unit 4 since each of these sites was either the subject of a completed Removal Action or was found to pose no human health or environmental risk during the Remedial Investigation.

The Proposed Plan addresses only Operable Unit 4. Other areas of concern either have already been addressed through removal actions or will be addressed in future Records of Decision.

If you have any questions regarding the subject of this letter, please contact me or have your staff contact Jessica Mollin, EPA Project Manager, at (212) 637-3921.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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