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LETTER TRANSMITTING STAKEHOLDER DRAFT SITE INSPECTION REPORT FORT
STORY VA
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June 26, 2008

Mr. Wade Smith
 VDEQ
 Office of Remediation Programs
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Re: Transmittal of Stakeholder Draft
 Site Inspection (SI) Report
 Fort Story, Virginia
 Contract W912DR-06-C-0028

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of Ms Joanna Bateman of the Fort Eustis Directorate of Public Works, enclosed please find two (2) hard copies and two (2) electronic copies of the above-referenced stakeholder draft report for your review and comment.

As you may recall, during our last TPP meeting, we agreed that no field work was required to reach the decision that the one MMRP eligible site we identified at Fort Story should move forward to an RI. Therefore, we did not finalize the HRR, but rather have combined the HRR into this SI Report. We also incorporated the comments you provided on the HRR (both the editorial ones you gave us at the TPP meeting and your written comments dated April 3, 2008 into this version of the SI, and enclosed formal responses to your comments.

If possible, we would appreciate your comments within 20 business days (30 calendar days). We would also like to meet with you and any other VDEQ representatives you think appropriate at a third and final Technical Project Planning (TPP) meeting to discuss the recommendations of the SI Report, and comments you may have. We can conduct this meeting either in person or via teleconference if you do not think a face to face meeting is necessary, and this is more convenient for you. We are tentatively targeting the week of September 1 for this meeting, and will contact all parties to set up a convenient time.

If you need additional copies or have any questions, please call me at (301) 258-5876.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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**RESPONSES TO VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY COMMENTS ON
STAKEHOLDER DRAFT HISTORICAL RECORDS REVIEW REPORT
FORT STORY, VA**

The following four comments on the *Stakeholder Draft Historical Records Review, Fort Story, Virginia* were provided by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) in a letter from Mr. Wade Smith (VDEQ) to Ms Joanna Bateman (Fort Eustis) dated April 3, 2008. Responses to these comments are provided in italics beneath the comments.

- (1) Please include further discussion and additional supporting documentation associated with the increase in operational range area at Fort Story. The HRR Report currently states that the operational range area originally identified in the August 2002 Closed, Transferring, and Transferred (CTT) Range Inventory Report has increased, but fails to provide justification for the increase.

Additional text was added to Section 1.2 discussing the DOD Directives that govern the process used to define operational ranges, and justification for the increase as it affects the Small Arms Range was added to Section 4.1.

- (2) If available, please include additional details associated with the explosion that occurred on one of the dredges working the channels in the vicinity of Cape Henry.

Additional details were obtained from an interview conducted with Mr. Tom Friberg of the Norfolk District, and this information was added to Section 3.2.3 and Section 5.2.9 about encountering MEC during dredging.

- (3) If available, please include additional details associated with the mine fields and their removal following World War II.

Additional details were added in Section 4.5 about the mine fields, and text added about their removal. Documentation regarding the specific methods used to remove the mines operated by Fort Story was not found during the historical records review. However documents were found that stated the mine fields were removed.

- (4) Please indicate if there are any land masses (i.e. islands) known to exist in the Inner Coastal Defense Range munitions response site (MRS).

Based on a review of nautical charts of the area, no land masses are known to exist within the range. This information was added to Section 5.2.1.