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TRANSMITTAL LETTER REGARDING THE FINAL PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE 12 NSTC
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Reference: CLEAN Contract No. N62470-08-D-1001
Contract Task Order F27A

Subject: Final Proposed Plan for Site 12
Naval Station Great Lakes
Great Lakes, Illinois

Dear Ms. Montegross:

Please find enclosed one hard copy and one electronic copy (CD) of the subject Proposed Plan for your files. Also attached is one copy of the responses to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency comments.

Copies have also been distributed to the other members of the Naval Station Great Lakes Team as indicated below. Twenty hard copies were submitted to the Naval Station Great Lakes Public Affairs Officer for distribution to the public if requested.

One hard copy and one CD of the Proposed Plan were submitted to CH2M to upload into the Navy's Administrative Record. Tetra Tech will confirm the Proposed Plan is available in the Administrative Record before the public comment period begins. The official public comment period for the Proposed Plan will start on February 1, 2016, approximately two weeks after the Public Notice is published as requested by Illinois EPA, and end on March 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the Proposed Plan, please contact Bob Davis at 412-921-7251 or me at 412-921-8984.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

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Enclosure(s)

cc: B. Conrath, Illinois EPA (3 copies + 1 CD + 1 RTC)
O. Thompson, US EPA (2 copies + 1 CD + 1 RTC)
J. Sheppard, Naval Station Great Lakes PAO (20 copies)
J. Trepanowski, Tetra Tech (letter only)
CH2M - Administrative Record (1 copy + 1 CD + 1 RTC)
File CTO F27A, Tetra Tech (1 copy and 1 CD + 1 RTC)

**RESPONSES TO ILLINOIS EPA'S NOVEMBER 9, 2015 COMMENTS
PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE 12
NAVAL STATION GREAT LAKES, GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS**

Issued: December 4, 2015

1. **Page 10, Why is Remedial Action Needed?** - This section should conclude with the standard statement that, "It is the lead agency's current judgment that the Preferred Alternative identified in this Proposed Plan, or one of the other active measures considered in the Proposed Plan, is necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment from actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment."

RESPONSE: The suggested statement will be added.

2. **Page 11, Alternative 2: LUCs** – This Alternative mentions a soil barrier to prevent exposure to subsurface soil contaminants exceeding industrial/commercial TACO criteria. If the surface soil is to be considered a barrier, it needs to be defined here. Its makeup and depth need to be provided. This comment would apply to Alternative 2A as well.

RESPONSE: The first sentence of the description of Alternative 2 and the second sentence of the description of Alternative 2A will be revised as follows (new text is underlined for clarity):

The existing surface soil, consisting primarily of sandy clay and sand (0 to 0.5 feet bgs), would act as a barrier to prevent exposure by I/C workers and construction workers to subsurface soil contaminants exceeding I/C TACO criteria.

3. **Page 12, For More Detailed Information** – This section provides only an online location to view the technical and public information prepared for this site to date. Is the Administrative Record no longer available to review in hard copy? Illinois EPA would suggest the Navy make an effort to provide access to a hard copy of the Administrative Record. The Proposed Plan for Sites 5, 9, and 21 included the following statement:

"If you do not have a computer or internet access, hard copies of the Administrative Record can be viewed at NSGL. Please contact Ms. Van Donsel at 847-688-2600, extension 136 to arrange a time and location for reviewing the information."

RESPONSE: With the decommissioning/disestablishment of NAVFAC MidWest, Naval Station Great Lakes does not keep a hard copy of the Administrative Record for Site 12. However, the Proposed Plan notes on page 15 that the Public Affairs Office may be contacted with questions. NAVFAC MidLANT in Norfolk, VA, Illinois EPA in Springfield, IL, and EPA Region 5 in Chicago, IL are repository locations of hard copies of Naval Station Great Lakes documents. Access to the Administrative Record is available through the internet on personal computers (24/7) or using computers at local libraries during their normal hours.

4. **Page 13, Table 5-** As is shown on this table Illinois EPA can confirm that the choice of Alternative 2 would be an acceptable choice for a final remedy for Site 12.

RESPONSE: Comment acknowledged.