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LETTER AND THE ILLNOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON
THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE 12 HARBOR DREDGE SPOIL AREA NSTC GREAT
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Re: Proposed Plan for Site 12
Harbor Dredge Spoil Area
Naval Station Great Lakes
Great Lakes, Illinois

0971255048 -- Lake County
Naval Station Great Lakes
Superfund/Technical File

Dear Ms. Montegross:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the Navy's *Proposed Plan for Site 12 – Harbor Dredge Spoil Area, Naval Station Great Lakes, Great Lakes, Illinois*. It was dated August 2014 and was received at the Agency on August 25, 2014. The Proposed Plan is being presented to satisfy the statutory and regulatory requirements for public participation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and its primary intent is to help the public understand and provide input on the proposed remedial alternatives to address impacted surface soil, subsurface soil, and groundwater at Site 12.

Illinois EPA has completed our review of the Proposed Plan and is providing the following comments.

- 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.”
- 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.
- 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

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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."

- 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.

If you have any questions regarding anything in this letter or require any additional information, please contact me at (217) 557-8155 or via electronic mail at brian.conrath@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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