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LETTER REGARDING U S NAVY RESPONSE TO SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMENTS ON EXTENDED SITE
INSPECTION FOR CAUSEWAY LANDFILL SITE 3 MCRD PARRIS ISLAND SC
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Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

RE: Response to Comments
ESI at the Causeway Landfill
MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bowers:

We have reviewed the comments provided by Dr. John F. Brown (through your office) on the referenced report. The following text summarizes our response to those comments.

At this time, we feel confident that base personnel are not subsistence fishing in this area, but using this area seasonal, occasional sports fishing. In fact, shellfishing is not permitted at this location. Additionally, the population at MCRD is highly transient which eliminates any concern of exposure over long periods of time.

We concur that a true risk evaluation of the area would require a more extensive data collection. However, we do not concur this location warrants such an extensive data collection. The intent of this report was simply to ensure that USFDA action levels were met as these levels would be reasonably protective for periodic consumers, as you have stated. Therefore, we feel that public notification of a potential significant health hazard is not warranted, and would cause undue alarm and concern. Should we discover a significant cause for health concern, we will evaluate the condition and take the corrective action.

We are editing the Draft Final Extended Site Investigation (ESI) to reflect our responses to your comments, and clarification that only occasional, seasonal, recreational sports fishing occurs verses subsistence fishing at this location. We have scheduled for the Final ESI to be submitted to you on 31 August 1993, pending editing and reproduction or any response/comment for your office.

Concerning another matter, we are working towards developing Record of Decisions (RODs) for the other sites identified on MCRD under the Installation Restoration Program which require no further action and are titled "Finding of No Significant Impact" to the

environmental. We request your attention and assistance/input to this matter. We have discussed this matter at our last meeting and will be coordinating with the Remedial Program Manager (RPM) at Southern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Charleston, South Carolina.

Please contact Ms. Suzanne S. Rushing at (803) 525-2630, if you should have any questions concerning our response to your comments and the RODs. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, USMC
By direction of the
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