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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION III CONCURRENCE WITH FINAL ACTION
MEMORANDUM FOR SITE 1 FORMER DISPOSAL PITS 1 AND 3 SOIL ALLEGANY
BALLISTICS ROCKET CENTER WV
9/17/2012
U S EPA REGION III



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
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September 17, 2012

Mr. Walter Bell
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Environmental Restoration OPHREV4
Building N-26, Room 3208
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RE: Action Memorandum Site 1 Former Disposal Pits 1 and 3 (Soil) Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, Rocket Center, WV

Dear Mr. Bell,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the signed Action Memorandum for the Time Critical Removal Action at Site 1, Former Disposal Pits 1 and 3 (Soil) at Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, Rocket Center, WV. As documented in my April 12, 2012 letter, EPA previously reviewed and approved the Engineering Evaluation/ Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for this removal action. The removal action objective, as stated in this Action Memorandum, is to reduce the contaminant source present in the unsaturated soil at Former Disposal Pits 1 and 3, in order to enhance the ability of the groundwater remedy to restore the aquifers to beneficial use. Based on the nature of historical activities at these pits and the previous soil investigation results, EPA concurs that soil contamination at these former pits poses a threat to groundwater. Thus, EPA concurs that this action will support the removal action objective by reducing further contamination of the groundwater.

As the Lead Agency, the Navy should comply with the NCP requirements for conducting CERCLA Removal Actions. We look forward to working with the Navy to finalize the Feasibility Study, as we move toward a final remedial decision for for all soils at this site.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our comments, please contact me by telephone at 215.814.3379 or electronically at kloss.sarah@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Kloss".

Sarah Kloss
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