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U S NAVY RESPONSES TO VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN FOR SITE 5 BURNING GROUNDS EPA
DESIGNATION OPERABLE UNIT 5 (OU 5) AND BLOWS CREEK ST JULIENS CREEK
ANNEX VA
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Responses to Comments
Draft Proposed Plan
Site 5 –Burning Grounds (EPA Designation OU-5) and Blows Creek
St. Juliens Creek Annex
Chesapeake, Virginia

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Comments from VDEQ, provided June 2, 2015.

1. **Comment:** *Section 1, 2nd sentence - unbold "Site".*

Response: "Site" is bold since it is defined in the glossary and that is the first use of the term within the text. No changes to the text were made.

2. **Comment:** *Section 1, 3rd paragraph - remove bold from "Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) and the "I" in "investigations".*

Response: The requested revisions have been made. In addition to the requested revisions, since the acronym "ERP" was defined in the first paragraph, "Environmental Restoration Program" has been removed from the first sentence of the paragraph, referenced in the comment.

3. **Comment:** *Section 2.1 - For ease of review, consider adding section headers for Site 5 and Blows Creek.*

Response: The requested revision has been made.

4. **Comment:** *Table 1, 5th row, 2nd paragraph - Insert "groundwater" after "shallow aquifer".*

Response: The requested revision has been made.

5. **Comment:** *Table 1, 5th row, 3rd column, 2nd paragraph - Need to reword "risk managed"...perhaps say, "they were eliminated from further evaluation by the partnering team."*

Response: The requested revision has been made.

6. **Comment:** *Table 1, 5th row, 3rd column, 3rd paragraph - Clarify which Table 2 is being referenced.*

Response: The sentence that includes the reference has been revised to, “The RI recommended additional soil and groundwater sampling to further define the nature and extent of contamination within Site 5 and additional investigation of sediment in Blows Creek to evaluate the potential for adverse effects to aquatic life (see Table 2, Blows Creek section).”

7. **Comment:** *Table 1, 8th row, 3rd column, 1st paragraph, last sentence - Clarify which Table 2 is being referenced.*

Response: Table 2 was incorrectly referenced. The parenthetical reference has been revised to, “Table 3, Cleanup Goal column”.

8. **Comment:** *Table 1, 10th row, 3rd column, 2nd paragraph, 4th sentence - Clarify which Table 3 is being referenced.*

Response: The parenthetical reference has been removed.

9. **Comment:** *Table 1, 10th row, 3rd column, 2nd paragraph, last sentence - Clarify which Table 3 is being referenced.*

Response: The table referenced is Table 3 in the Site 5 Proposed Plan. No clarification is needed, as the entire table is relevant to the information presented in the sentence referenced in the comment.

10. **Comment:** *Section 3 - For ease of review, consider adding section headers for Site 5 and Blows Creek.*

Response: The requested revision has been made. In addition to the requested revision, the last paragraph in Section 3 has been moved to be included under the Site 5 section header.

11. **Comment:** *Section 3, 4th paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentences – The words in the term “Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River” are not capitalized consistently. Make sure capitalization is consistent throughout document.*

Response: A universal check for consistent capitalization of the words in the term “Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River” has been completed and capitalization made consistent throughout.

12. **Comment:** *Section 3, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence - Insert “the” before “Chesapeake”.*

Response: The requested revision has been made.

13. **Comment:** *Glossary, Ecological Risk Assessment definition - The font size is smaller than the font size for the other definitions.*

Response: The font size has been adjusted to match the font size for the other definitions.

14. **Comment:** *Glossary, Remedial Investigation definition - Consider changing “facility” to “site”.*

Response: The requested revision has been made.