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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION III CONCURRENCE ON CALCULATION OF
BACKGROUND CONCENTRATIONS CHEATHAM ANNEX FISC WILLIAMSBURG VA
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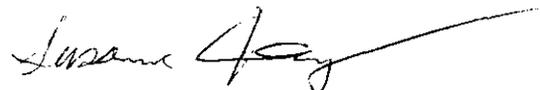
Re: Calculation of Background Concentrations, Naval Weapons station Yorktown,
Yorktown, Virginia and Cheatham Annex Williamsburg, Virginia, February 2010

Dear Mr. Murray:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the responses to comments sent via an e-mail attachment on 9/21/2010 regarding the U.S. Navy's above referenced report. Although we disagree with the responses to the two remaining comments presented in that e-mail attachment we accept the report. This acceptance should not be construed as an acceptance to use the same methodology at other Facilities. We will accept the report in this case because the computed background numbers are within an acceptable range for that part of the country and are not expected to affect the outcomes of any studies since the computed background numbers are below risk numbers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (215) 814-3394.

Sincerely,



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