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LETTER REGARDING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
APPROVAL TO DISCONTINUE ANNUAL GROUNDWATER AND SEDIMENT SAMPLING AT  
SMALL ARMS RANGE NS MAYPORT FL

6/7/2001

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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June 7, 2001

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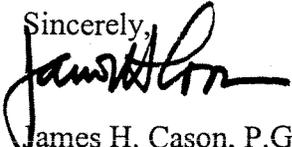
RE: Annual Monitoring of Small Arms Range, Naval Station Mayport, Mayport, Florida

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

I have reviewed the above document dated May 21, 2001 (received May 30, 2001). We also discussed this site at the Partnering meeting and I conducted a site inspection at the facility earlier this week. At the time of renovation of the range in 1997, as part of the subsequent range operation, I requested that groundwater from an existing monitoring well and sediment from three sites in the adjacent tidal ditch be analyzed for lead and copper. Three years of sampling have documented absence of contamination at the sampling sites.

During my site inspection, the adjacent ditch had numerous fiddler crabs, other crab species and small fish in the water. Based on the absence of documented contamination in the sediment and groundwater and the abundant fish and crustaceans at the adjacent ditch, I concur with your request to discontinue annual groundwater and sediment sampling at this site.

If you need further clarification or any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 850-921-4230.

Sincerely,  
  
James H. Cason, P.G.  
Remedial Project Manager

CC: Ashwin Patel, Northeast FDEP District, Jacksonville

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