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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING SOIL SAMPLING REPORT FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
UNITS 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 22 NS MAYPORT FL
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RE: Soil Sampling Report, SWMUs 2 (Landfill B), 3 (Landfill D), 4 (Landfill E), 5 (Landfill F), and 22 (Abrasive Blasting Area), Naval Station Mayport, USEPA ID #FL9 170 024 260, Mayport, Florida (Tetra Tech NUS, October 20, 2009)

Dear Mr. Syme:

I have reviewed the above document dated October 20, 2009 which was received on October 21, 2009. The objectives of the sampling program were detailed in the soil sampling work plan and initially were intended to delineate surface and subsurface soil contamination within and around the solid waste management units (SWMUs) in excess of the revised FDEP Soil Cleanup Target Levels (SCTLs). Additionally, the sampling results were to support land use control (LUC) boundary definitions at the respective SWMUs. However, during the process, Partnering Team discussions and consensus changed the requirements for soil at these SWMUs, and the sampling program was discontinued. Due to the Partnering Team consensus, the purpose of this document is to report the data obtained during the sampling events. During the November 2008 Partnering Team meeting, discussion concluded that since SWMUs 2, 3, 4, and 5 were originally classified as landfills, at a minimum, LUCs will be required and the sites included in annual inspections. LUCs would be initiated to prevent residential and/or residential-like uses and implement digging prohibitions. This Soil Sampling Report (SSR) states that it will be followed by a Statement of Basis for each of these SWMUs. According to the SSR, SWMU 22 would receive a "no further action" letter since it no longer contains contaminants of concern above SCTLs. This document also states that "Groundwater investigation results at SWMUs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 22 are addressed in the draft CMS Report. Regulatory oversight responsibility of the sediments located in the ditches at these SWMUs has been transferred from the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program to the FDEP Storm Water Program per an agreement reached at the Partnering Team meeting in January 2007." Groundwater and sediments were not considered for further investigation in this effort. After reviewing the document, I feel it is adequate for its intent and purpose of reporting the soil sampling data obtained during the soil sampling events. Based on the reevaluation of contaminants of potential concern, I concur with the Navy's and Tetra Techs' identification of COCs for soil (surface and subsurface) at each SWMU. However, it is still unclear to me as to why groundwater sampling had been previously considered sufficient by the Partnering Team, and that SWMU 22 should receive a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order from the State. Please provide documented evidence to this

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office that shows groundwater contaminants are below their respective groundwater cleanup target levels (GCTLs).

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you require additional clarification or other assistance, please feel free to contact me at 850/245-8999.

Sincerely,



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