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LETTER REGARDING REGULATORY REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE ON DRAFT FINDING
OF SUITABILITY TO TRANSFER STUDY AREA 18 NTC ORLANDO FL
1/13/2003
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

January 13, 2003
OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Commanding Officer
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Dear Mrs. Nwokike:

I have completed my review of the Draft Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST) and Environmental Baseline Survey for Transfer (EBST), Study Area 18, McCoy Annex, Orlando Naval Training Center, dated November 2002 (received November 12, 2002), prepared and submitted by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. I have the following comments that need to be addressed:

- (1) Page 3 of the FOST, bottom paragraph. Please rewrite the paragraph as such, "Aluminum and iron in groundwater were detected at concentrations exceeding Florida GCTLs and basewide Background Screening Values (BGSVs) for the NTC (ABB –ES, 1995). Because the concentrations of aluminum in groundwater fell within the range of background values detected at NTC, aluminum was removed as a COPC. Samples collected from site specific, upgradient SA 18 background wells in June 2001 revealed iron concentrations that also exceeded its GCTL and basewide BGSV. The iron concentrations were higher or in the same concentration range as wells being used to assess the site. As a result of conducting the site specific background assessment of iron in groundwater, the Orlando Partnering Team (OPT), consisting of representatives of the FDEP, USEPA Region 4, and the Navy and its contractors, concluded that the elevated concentrations detected in groundwater was naturally occurring and not due to past site activities." The last paragraph of Section 2.0 in the EBST should be rewritten similarly.
- (2) Page 4, Section 4.0 D, Asbestos-Containing Materials. As asbestos containing material was identified in Building 7182, there should be an asbestos disclosure and acknowledgement form similar to the lead-based paint hazard disclosure and acknowledgement form attached to the FOST and deed notifying subsequent owners of the property of the presence of asbestos.

This electronic message is being sent in lieu of regular mail. If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact me at (850)245-8997.

Sincerely,

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