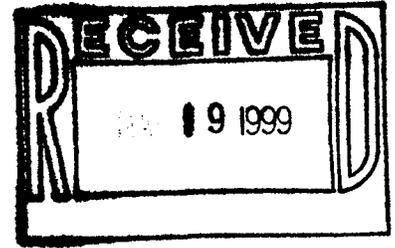




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Re: Naval Station Roosevelt Roads - EPA ID # PR2170027203
Tow Way Fuel Farm - TCE Investigation Workplan dated April 21, 1999

Dear Mr. Rakowski:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 has completed its review of the Tow Way Fuel Farm - TCE Investigation Workplan dated April 21, 1999, submitted on your behalf by Baker Environmental, Inc. EPA would be prepared to approve the workplan if the following requirement is acceptably addressed.

Following these additional investigations, in order for EPA to approve any no further action recommendation for the dissolved TCE, such a recommendation would have to be supported by some confirmatory data. The confirmatory data must be obtained using an analytical methodology approved under EPA's Contract Laboratory Program (CLP), not just analytical results based on a field screening methodology, as proposed in the submitted workplan. The number of CLP confirmatory samples would not have to be totally duplicative of the field-screening data, but should consist of a representative percentage, based on the results of the field screening sampling. Therefore, EPA requests that the workplan be modified to include such a program of CLP confirmatory sampling, in addition to the field-screening characterization proposed in the workplan.

Within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, please submit a revision to the April 21, 1999 workplan to address EPA's above comment.

Please telephone Mr. Tim Gordon, of my staff, at (212) 637- 4167 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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