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Attn: Mr. Adolph Everett, P.E.
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Re: Contract N62470-95-D-6007
Navy CLEAN, District III
Contract Task Order (CTO) 0268
U.S. Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR), Ceiba, Puerto Rico
RCRA/HSWA Permit No. PR2170027203
Final TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report for SWMU 55
Navy Responses to EPA Comments Dated February 24, 2004

Dear Mr. Everett:

Baker Environmental, Inc. (Baker), on behalf of the Navy, is providing you with one copy of the replacement cover and spine, inside cover, and text for the Draft TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report Tow Way Fuel Farm dated January 21, 2004. These replacement pages make up the Final TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report for SWMU 55. Directions for inserting the replacement pages into the Draft TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report Tow Way Fuel Farm are provided for your use. Also included with the replacement pages are two electronic copies provided on CD of the Final TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report for SWMU 55.

This document is submitted in response to the EPA Comment letter dated February 24, 2004 that provided comments on the Draft TCE Plume Delineation & Source Investigation Report Tow Way Fuel Farm. The Navy Response to these comments is attached to this letter. Please note that the potential source area and associated TCE plume at the Tow Way Fuel Farm is now designated as SWMU 55 as requested in the February 24, 2004 letter.

As stated in Mr. Timothy R. Gordon's letter dated February 24, 2004 a Draft CMS Final Report for SWMU 55 is required. It is recommended that the CMS Final Report for SWMU 55 be conducted in conjunction with SWMU 54 in the same document although each SWMU will be evaluated separately. There are multiple reasons for this recommendation, the first being a limited availability of funds at this time. Another reason is that both sites have the same contaminant (TCE) in the same media

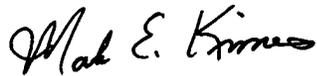
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(groundwater) and will be going through the same screening process for evaluating remedial alternatives. Additionally, combining these two sites into one document will realize a more efficient use of government funds and enable the CMS for SWMU 55 to proceed forward at this time. It is also recommended that the CMS for SWMU 55 be conducted in accordance with the EPA approved Final CMS Work Plan for SWMUs 53 and 54 dated March 7, 2003, due to the similarities between the two sites and the limited funding available. The Draft CMS Final Report for SWMUs 54 and 55 will be sent out on October 28, 2004.

If you have questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Kevin Cloe, P.E. at (757) 322-4736. Additional distribution has been made as indicated below.

Sincerely,

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