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Attn: Ms. Nicoletta DiForte
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Subject: U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
RCRA Corrective Action Program
RCRA/HSWA Permit No. PR2170027203
EPA Comment Letter dated October 4, 2001

Dear Ms. DiForte:

The Navy received an EPA Region II comment letter dated October 4, 2001 providing comments on the Draft Corrective Measures Study Investigation Report for SWMU 9 dated July 2, 2001, the Draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment Problem Formulation (Step 1) and Exposure Estimate for SWMUs 1 and 2 dated August 10, 2001, and the Draft Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment Problem Formulation (Step 1) and Exposure Estimate for SWMU 45 dated August 10, 2001. Sufficient funds are not available at the present time to address the comments and revise the documents as requested in the October 4, 2001 letter. Therefore, the Navy requests a modification of the corrective action schedule for the above-mentioned documents in accordance with Module III.E.10.f.3.

It is the Navy's intention to resume work on these SWMUs once funding becomes available. At this time funding for the above work has been budgeted for FY03. However, should funding become available sooner, work will resume as soon as contractor funding is awarded. Therefore, it is requested that the Navy's response to the October 4, 2001 EPA comment letter be postponed till November 15, 2002 or until such time as funding is available.

If you have any questions please contact me at (757) 322-4736.

Sincerely,

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By direction of the Commander