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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Subj: REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE BASELINE ECOLOGICAL RISK  
ASSESSMENT AT SWMU 9, NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO RICO, EPA I.D. NUMBER  
PR2170027203, CEIBA, PUERTO RICO

Dear Mr. Gordon:

As you know, during the recent soil removal conducted at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 9, additional soil was observed that appeared to be stained with petroleum waste products. This stained soil was not removed during this removal action. The Navy is in the process of contracting with Baker Environmental to delineate the nature and extent of this stained soil and its impact, if any, to groundwater. It is anticipated that this additional fieldwork will be performed in April 2007.

As was discussed in the August 2006 BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting, the Navy requests that the Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) for SWMU 9 be delayed in order to include this additional data into the risk model. Attached is the Navy's proposed schedule for completing the SWMU 9 ERA.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Davidson at (843) 743-2135 or by email at [mark.e.davidson@navy.mil](mailto:mark.e.davidson@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

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Encl:  
(1) Proposed SWMU 9 Project Schedule

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