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Mr. Shawn Jorgensen
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Attn: Code 046, Building D-327
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RE: Final Background Investigation Work Plan for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head and Stump Neck Annex, October 1997

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

Enclosed are the Maryland Department of the Environment, Waste Management Administration's comments on the above-referenced document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 631-3440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna A. Lynch".

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Enclosure

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Comments on:

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS

1. Page 1-5, Table 1-1. This table does not list all of the Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU) at the Indian Head facility as is stated. Please revise.
2. Page 2-1, 1st bullet. Please provide the rationale for not collecting surface water samples as part of this background study.
3. Page 2-5, Figure 2-1. Please provide on this figure the background sampling locations, the locations of all Installation Restoration sites, Corrective Action sites, and SWMUs at the facility.
4. Page 2-5, Figure 2-1. Please provide the rationale for not collecting sediment samples from Mattawoman Creek or the Potomac River. Numerous Installation Restoration sites border the facility's shoreline and these sites may have impacted the waterways.
5. Appendix E. Please provide the support documentation for the data that the Navy is referencing for background.