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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area (AFWTA)
Vieques, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Waddill:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Navy that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) dated May 2011 for areas of concern J (Former Operations/Staging Area Disposal Site), R (Former Operations/Staging Area) and SWMU-7 (Former Quebrada Disposal Site) at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area (AFWTA), a federal facility listed on the National Priorities List established pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9601 *et seq.*, and to further notify the Navy that, subject to evaluation of public comments, if any, on the PRAP, EPA agrees with the remedies proposed for the areas of concern addressed by this PRAP.

The proposed remedy for Areas J and R, and SWMU-7 is "no further action" for all environmental media with no restrictions on future use of the properties. As the PRAP will be subject to public comment, EPA defers final approval and selection of the proposed remedy until the close of the public comment period and until EPA's review of the comments, the response to the comments and the Record of Decision is completed.

EPA understands that the Navy will release the PRAP to the public and arrange for publication of a notice of availability of the PRAP for public comment as provided in Section 117 of CERCLA.

If you have any questions regarding the subject of this letter, please contact me at 212-637-4390, or you or your staff may contact Angela Carpenter, Chief of the Special Projects Branch at 212-637-4435.

Sincerely,


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