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Subject: Responses to Comments, Draft Site Management Plan, Revision 12
Final Site Management Plan, Revision 12
Former Naval Air Station South Weymouth, Weymouth, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Helland:

Tetra Tech has prepared responses to comments (RTCs) received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the draft Site Management Plan, Revision 12, Former Naval Air Station South Weymouth, Weymouth, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) accepted the document without comment. The document text has been revised in accordance with the RTCs and the schedules in Appendix A have been updated to reflect milestones achieved and the currently planned target dates.

On behalf of the Navy, the RTCs and Final Site Management Plan, Revision 12 are being provided to the recipients listed below. If you have any questions regarding the documents, please contact me at 978.474.8403.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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C. Keating, EPA (w/encl. – 3 paper, 1 CD)
D. Chaffin, MassDEP (w/encl. – 1 paper, 1 CD)
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**NAVY RESPONSES TO U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
COMMENTS (DATED JUNE 13, 2012)
DRAFT SITE MANGEMENT PLAN, REVISION 12
FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION SOUTH WEYMOUTH, WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS**

Navy's responses to the EPA comments on the Draft Site Management Plan, Revision 12, Former Naval Air Station South Weymouth, Weymouth, Massachusetts (May 2012) are presented below. The EPA comments are presented first (in italics) followed by the Navy's responses.

Comment 1: *Pg. 2-6, 2.2.7 - Further discussion is warranted with regards to the "site-specific manganese background study" currently underway for the RDA. The EPA should be involved in the development, implementation, and completion of the study to ensure that the results will be useful for risk-assessment purposes.*

Response: Agreed. The Navy will discuss the development of the RDA site-specific manganese background study at a BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting.

Comment 2: *Pg. 2-21, 2.10 and Appendix A, IR Site Milestones - The last sentence states that issuance of a Record of Decision for the Building 82 site is anticipated in "early 2013". While the EPA understands that the SMP schedule was developed in accordance with the document review and comment schedules in the FFA, the BCT should strive to expedite the completion of the Building 82 ROD for signature by September 30, 2012.*

Response: Updated site schedules are included in Appendix A of the final Site Management Plan. As discussed at the May 22, 2012 BCT meeting, the IR site schedules have been compressed where there is sufficient certainty about the steps remaining to completion of the ROD. The Building 82 schedule now indicates completion of the ROD by September 28, 2012. Please note that to achieve this milestone the review/revision cycles have been significantly compressed.

The final sentence of Section 2.10 has been revised as follows, consistent with the updated IR schedule in Appendix A: "The Navy completed the FS in July 2012 and the Proposed Plan in August 2012. The Navy anticipates completion of the ROD in September 2012."