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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION IV COMMENTS ON DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN FOR  
OPERABLE UNIT 12 (OU 12) SITE 32 NAS CECIL FIELD FL  
8/1/2003  
U S EPA REGION IV



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4

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Subject: Draft Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 12, Site 32, Naval Air Station Cecil Field,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject draft Proposed Plan. The document was very well prepared with many of our comments submitted from earlier proposed plans having been incorporated. Our comments follow:

- Page 5, Summary of Site Risks: Were the groundwater analytes below maximum contaminant levels as well as GCTS. If so, please state that they were below any applicable MCLs.
- Page 5, Summary of Site Risks: It is not clear from the discussion if soils were remediated to industrial or residential levels. Please provide a clear statement whether the soils are unrestricted or if they are only for non-residential uses.
- Page 5, Why is Cleanup Needed, second bullet: Is soil contaminated in unpaved areas unrestricted or non-residential.
- Table 1: Please add the range of contaminant detections for the various analytes.
- Page 10, What Impacts Would the Cleanup Have on the Local Community?, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet: "Alternative 2, which does not immediately achieve cleanup goals, includes administrative actions to limit the use of the land and exposure to contaminated soil.
- Page 10, Why Do the Navy and U.S. EPA, in Consultation with FDEP, Recommend This Cleanup Plan? 1<sup>st</sup> Bullet: ~~"Although The detected concentrations of COCs in soil are in excess of the FDEP SCTLs for direct residential exposure. They do not prevent an unacceptable threat to human health or the environment under the current and foreseeable future industrial use of the site~~ Provided that the asphalt cover is maintained in good condition, contaminants should not cause adverse environmental impacts.

If you have any questions please contact me at 404/562-8539 or at [Vaughn-wright.Debbie@epa.gov](mailto:Vaughn-wright.Debbie@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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