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LETTER REGARDING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
REVIEW OF DRAFT OPERATING PROPERLY AND SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATION
REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNIT 9 (OU 9) SITE 58 NAS CECIL FIELD FL
8/8/2005
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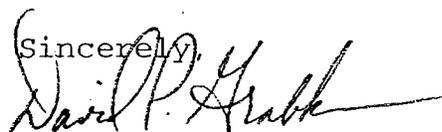
RE: Draft Operating Properly and Successfully Demonstration
Report for Operable Unit 9, Site 58, Naval Air Station Cecil
Field, Florida.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I have reviewed the Draft Operating Properly and Successfully Demonstration Report for Operable Unit 9, Site 58, Naval Air Station Cecil Field, dated November 2004 (received December 1, 2004). As the Department does not have regulatory authority to make a final determination on Operating Properly and Successfully (OPS) and does not have guidance as to what information or level of confidence is required to support an OPS determination, I am giving you my general comments on what is presented in the report and my thoughts as to whether the selected remedy, groundwater monitoring, land use controls preventing exposure to or consumption of groundwater and maintaining the integrity of the groundwater monitoring wells, is operating as designed and are protective of human health and the environment.

Overall, I found the information presented in the report to be sufficiently convincing that the selected remedy for this site will be implemented properly and successfully upon a Land Use Control Remedial Design being finalized. However, the final decision on the transferability of this site rests on EPA's determination that the selected remedy for this site is Operating Properly and Successfully.

If you have any concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (850) 245-8997.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Mark Davidson

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