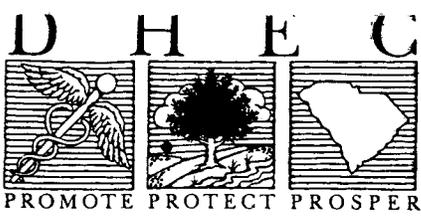


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FEBRUARY 2000 AND NO FURTHER ACTION (NFA) FOR ZONE E SITE 28 BUILDING 590A
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Charleston Naval Complex/Charleston Naval Base
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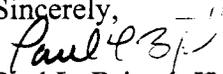
Dear Mr. Magwood:

The author has completed technical review of the referenced document. As submitted, the report provides a narrative describing previous assessment activities and analytical results from additional sampling conducted to determine the environmental fate of suspected contamination at the subject property. The analytical results provided indicate that reportable concentrations of BTEX, PAH and metal compounds were detected above established method detection limits in soil and/or groundwater samples obtained at the subject site. The reported compounds are at a concentration(s) which is at or below the RBSL (Risk-Based Screening Levels, SCDHEC *Risk-Based Corrective Action for Petroleum Releases*, 5 January 1998), proposed RBC (Risk-Based Concentrations for Residential Soils, EPA Region III Risk-Based Concentrations Table, 12 April 1999) and established groundwater MCLs (maximum contaminant levels). Based on the analytical results presented and description of site specific geology/hydrogeology, potential releases, if any, from previous activities at the subject site do not appear to present a significant threat to human health and/or the environment at the present time. In this regard, the employed assessment activities and sampling results appear to indicate that no additional endeavors for remedial actions and/or contaminant characterization is warranted for the Zone E/Site 28-Building 590A area at this time.

With consideration to the above comments, the Department has reviewed the referenced environmental data. Based on the information and analytical data submitted, the Department recognizes that the Department of the Navy and Charleston Naval Complex has adequately addressed the known environmental contamination identified on the property to date in accordance with the approved scope of work. Please note, this statement pertains only to the portion of the site addressed in the referenced report and does not apply to other areas of the site and/or any other potential regulatory violations. Further, the Department retains the right to request further investigation if deemed necessary.

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Should you have any questions please contact me at (803) 898-3559.

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