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Re: Decision Document for Site 5 - Heavy Equipment Training Area Landfill, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Mississippi, Draft, October 2008.

The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control (OPC) has reviewed the above referenced document. The following concerns were noted during document review.

1. The text should reflect major elements of supportive documents. The text (page 1-2, last paragraph) states that only two remedial alternatives were considered. These two alternatives were also the only two considered in the draft (November 2007) Feasibility Study. Additional remedial alternatives were screened in the Final Feasibility Study (August 2008, pages 3-3 through 3-8) in response to comments (dated 7 May 2008) regarding the addition of alternatives to be screened.

The minimal number of alternatives would only be appropriate for a Focused Feasibility Study, while the intent of a regular Feasibility Study is to screen all applicable remedial alternatives. The remedial process at Site 5 precluded submittal of a Focused Feasibility Study since a Remedial Investigation had been completed. The text should list all remedial alternatives screened in order to demonstrate an openly objective effort to consider all available remedial options.

2. Page 1-2, last sentence: monitoring should read groundwater monitoring.
3. Figure 2-2: the landfill boundary should be extended to include the geophysical anomalies that define the disposal cells.
4. OPC concurs with the groundwater and landfill gas monitoring schedule outlined on page 8-1.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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