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LETTER REGARDING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FINAL GROUNDWATER BACKGROUND STUDY FOR  
METALS NS MAYPORT FL  
11/15/2013  
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Attn: Mr. Dana Hayworth OPUE3, Remedial Project Manager  
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Jacksonville, Florida 32212-0030

**RE: Draft Final Groundwater Background Study for Metals, Naval Station Mayport, USEPA ID #FL9 170 024 260, Mayport, Florida (Tetra Tech, August 21, 2013)**

Dear Mr. Hayworth:

I have reviewed the subject document dated August 21, 2013. It was received on August 22, 2013. The document was completed under Contract Task Order JM71.

The Introduction section of the report states that *"This Background Study Data Evaluation Report presents a statistical summary evaluation of the groundwater concentrations of target analytes naturally occurring in the surficial aquifer at NAVSTA (Naval Station) Mayport, located in Jacksonville, Florida."* In the Purpose and Scope of the Background Study section of the report it states that *"The Background Study of the shallow aquifer is being conducted to determine if naturally occurring geochemical reactions were producing the elevated results of the target analytes."*

On October 11, 2013, the Draft Final Groundwater Background Study for Metals document was given to the Department's Program and Technical Support Section for their review and comments. The Program and Technical Support Section is expected to have a response to this document back to the Federal Program Section by November 20, 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you require additional clarification or other assistance, please feel free to contact me at 850/245-8999.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Winters".

John Winters, P.G.  
Remedial Project Manager  
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cc Tim Bahr, FDEP, Tallahassee

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