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Mr. Walter Legg
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Re: Draft Proposed Plan for Sites 5 and 13 Groundwater Soils –Open Burn Area and Oil Sludge Disposal Area, *in-situ* Chemical Reduction with Zero-Valent Iron for Groundwater and No Further Action for Soils, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated July 2003

Dear Mr. Legg:

The Federal Facilities Section (FFS) of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration has reviewed the above-referenced document. This document presents the preferred remedial alternative for groundwater and soils at Site 5 and 13, respectively the Open Burn Area and the Oil Sludge Disposal Area, of the former Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak.

The Proposed Plan recommends *in-situ* chemical reduction with zero-valent iron, combined with monitored natural attenuation and institutional controls, as the preferred alternative to mitigate any potential risks from exposure to groundwater. The proposed plan also recommends no further action as the preferred alternative for soil at Sites 5 and 13, because the prior removal action has mitigated site risks from direct exposure to soil, and minimized its potential to act as a source of contamination to groundwater or surface water.

The FFS has no further comments on the above-referenced document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 537-3440.

Sincerely,

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