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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity
To: Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic
Subj: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT NOTIFICATION FOR THE EXPANDED RANGE ASSESSMENT/SITE INSPECTION OF (FORMER) VIEQUES NAVAL TRAINING RANGE
Ref: (a) NOSSA ltr 8020, Ser N511/29 of 21 Jan 05
(b) NOSSA ltr 8020, Ser N539/1263 of 30 Aug 05
(c) NOSSAINST 8020.15, Military Munitions Response Program Oversight dtd 8 Mar 04
(d) NAVSEA OP 5, Revision 7
(e) DoD 6055.9-STD

1. The Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA) will conduct a Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) of the Expanded Range Assessment/Site Inspection operations currently underway at the (Former) Vieques Naval Training Range (VNTR) from 10-12 Jan 06. This TAV was originally scheduled for 28 Mar through 1 Apr 05 (reference (a)) and rescheduled for 18-20 Oct 05 (reference (b)). The first postponement was at the request of your Remedial Project Manager (RPM) and the second postponement was due to Tropical Storm Wilma. The purpose of the TAV is to assist your RPM and his unexploded ordnance (UXO) contractors to prepare for an audit that NOSSA will conduct later in the project to fulfill the requirements of reference (c). The audit will seek to determine the extent to which field operations comply with the applicable explosives safety requirements of references (d) and (e).

2. The NOSSA representatives for this TAV will be Mr. Douglas Murray and Mr. Richard Urbanski. During this TAV they will review project documents such as the Explosive Safety Submission; Work Plan; Site Safety and Health Plan; Quality Assurance Project Plan; Environmental Protection Plan; and Standard Operating Procedures. The project field operations they will observe during this TAV include, but are not limited to, explosives safety practices, UXO worker operations, site safety and health practices, quality assurance/quality control program, geophysical investigation, data management/target reacquisition and Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) storage, transportation, and treatment/disposal.

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3. The NOSSA representatives will provide your RPM with the preliminary TAV findings prior to their leaving the site. NOSSA will send you a formal TAV Report within 30 days of the TAV that identifies strengths and weaknesses in the areas of explosives safety and munitions response operations. NOSSA does not require that you reply to the TAV findings. Since the TAV report may contain sensitive data regarding personnel, contractor performance, etc., distribution will be limited to you, our office, and the offices listed in the copy to.

4. The lead NOSSA representative for this TAV, is Mr. Murray, who can be reached at DSN 354-4450 or commercial (301) 744-4450.



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