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November 8, 2004

Division of Environmental Planning and Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
RCRA Programs Branch
Attn: Mr. Adolph Everett, P.E.
Chief, RCRA Programs Branch
290 Broadway
New York, New York 1007-1866

Re: Final Expanded Range Assessment/ Phase I Site Inspection Work Plan, Former Vieques Naval Training Range EPA I.D. # PRD980536221

Dear Mr. Everett:

Enclosed for your review are two copies of the Final Expanded Range Assessment/ Phase I Site Inspection Work Plan for the former Vieques Naval Training Range, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. The enclosed Final Work Plan addresses the comments that the Navy received from EPA on September 17, 2004 on the Draft Work Plan that was submitted to EPA on June 30, 2004. The Final Work Plan also addresses comments received from Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and Department of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS).

As noted in the work plan, the Phase I SI addresses only munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), and does not addresses potential releases of munitions constituents (MC) to the environmental media. Any final munitions response actions will include an evaluation of potential releases of MCs to the environment.

The Navy will issue a public notice for the Phase I SI and anticipates holding a Public Availability Meeting in Vieques during the week of December 13, 2004. A copy of the Final Work Plan will be placed in the public document repository at the time the Public Notice is issued. We look forward to any support that EPA can provide for the upcoming community involvement activities.

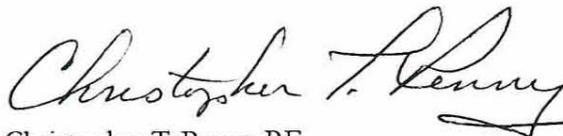
To meet the Navy's anticipated schedule to implement munitions response actions on eastern Vieques, and to provide appropriate notification to the Navy's UXO contractors to mobilize to the site, we are anticipating to initiate the field activities during the week of January 10, 2004 to initiate the SI.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me at 757-322-4815.

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November 5, 2004

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Penny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Christopher T. Penny, P.E.
Eastern Vieques Project Coordinator
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By direction of the Commander

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