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Ms. Helen Shannon
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
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Dear Ms. Shannon:

This is in reference to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, letter of June 18, 1991 concerning a Site Inspection (SI) to the Naval Ammunition Facility (NAF), Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI) dated April 1988 reports were completed for NAF Vieques as part of NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads PA/SI. This action was completed by the time of the listing of the facility in the compliance docket dated November 1988 and were made available to EPA.

The Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score had already been calculated both separate and combined with NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads' HRS score. It was completed prior to the date the new-HRS requirements went into effect on December 14, 1990. The HRS score was completed in August 1986 and yielded a score of 12.56.

Since NAF Vieques is part of the Installation Restoration (IR) Program efforts being conducted at NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, the PA/SI information for NAF Vieques is contained within the NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads' PA/SI reports and copies of these reports were provided to EPA. The Initial Assessment Study (IAS) Report for NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads (NEESA report #13-051 of September 1984), which is comparable to a PA report as acknowledged by EPA, identified Sites 1, 2, and 3 (NAF Vieques sites) as potential hazards to human health or the environment. The Confirmation Study to Determine Possible Dispersion and Migration of Specific Chemicals Report for NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads (ESE Verification Step Report of April 1988), is comparable to an SI report as acknowledged by EPA. This report presented the results of two rounds of sampling and provided recommendations for further study. Furthermore, the HRS score for NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads which includes the NAF Vieques sites, had also been calculated in 1986.

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The three sites at NAF Vieques (Sites 1, 2, and 3) are currently in the Remedial Investigation (RI) stage as recommended in the past reports. During this stage it was determined that Site 3 did not require additional efforts, therefore a site summary report was prepared instead. No samples were taken, and only the information from past reports was utilized. The Site Summary Report presents a brief summary of the past efforts and our rationale for not continuing with the RI efforts. The Site Summary Report for Site 3 will be presented at the next Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting which will be conducted this fall. Sites 1 and 2 are scheduled this calendar year for sampling efforts followed by risk assessments. Final reports on these efforts are expected by May 1992. TRC meetings, in which an EPA representative is invited to attend have been held and shall continue to be held throughout the IR Program efforts.

If you have any questions or require additional information about this matter, please contact Mr. Jose R. Negron, P.E., Director, Environmental Engineering Division at (809) 865-4429/4488.

Sincerely,

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