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SUBJECT: DRAFT NO FURTHER RESPONSE ACTION PLANNED - DECISION  
DOCUMENT, SITES 1, 2, AND 3, NAVAL AMMUNITION  
SUPPORT DEPARTMENT (NASD), VIEQUES ISLAND, U.S.  
NAVAL STATION, ROOSEVELT ROADS

Dear Mr. Maldonado:

This letter has been prepared to provide responses to the Environmental Quality Board's comments on the above-referenced Draft No Further Response Action Planned (NFRAP) document. The comments were contained in the Board's letter dated December 31, 1996 (copy attached) to Ms. Madeline Rivera, Director, Environmental Engineering Division at U. S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. The Navy's response to these comments was addressed at our meeting on March 2, 2000 and is presented in the enclosure.

As discussed at our March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, USEPA Region II determined in April 1999 that the site conditions at Sites 1, 2 and 3 do not warrant inclusion of the sites on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). However, to address your comments and to assess other potential CERCLA sites identified at NASD, the Navy will complete an expanded Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation (PA/SI) by August 2000. In addition, the Navy will conduct an Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) of the entire NASD property. A Draft of the Work Plan for the PA/SI was provided to you at our March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Based on your comments at the meeting, we will be submitting to you, as a separate submittal, a revised draft of the PA/SI Work Plan.

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Your comments on the NFRAP and the Navy's preliminary responses are presented in the enclosure. The comments will be addressed in more detail in either the expanded PA/SI Work Plan or the Draft Final Expanded PA/SI Report.

We hope that you find that these responses adequately address your comments. We recognize, however, that many of our responses refer to the expanded PA/SI as a future means to provide additional information to more adequately address your comments. We look forward to working with you and Ms. Luz Amalis Muriel to ensure that the expanded PA/SI will achieve this goal.

To this end, we are submitting the Revised Draft Workplan for the Expanded PA/SI under a separate cover for your review and approval. We would greatly appreciate your expedited review of the Workplan so that we can initiate and complete the Expanded PA/SI as quickly as feasible. We are committed to work on a fast-track basis with the goal of reaching resolution of all sites listed in the PA/SI Work Plan on NASD so that the facility can be turned over to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico by December 31, 2000.

If you have any questions regarding these responses, please do not hesitate to contact me at 757-322-4815.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Division  
By direction of the Commander

Attachment

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