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LETTER REGARDING THE TRANSMITTAL OF NEGATIVE DETERMINATION FOR THE
PROPOSED INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES AT FORMER CAT ISLAND BOMB TARGET MCAS
CHERRY POINT NC
01/30/2009
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January 30, 2009

Mr. Stephen Rynas
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Dear Mr. Rynas:

Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point is submitting this Negative Determination for the proposed environmental investigation activities at the Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) site located on Wood Island and associated with MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, in compliance with 15 CFR 930.35.

As presented in the draft *Site Inspection Work Plan for Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) and Surface Danger Zone* previously submitted for DCM review, site investigation activities will include surface soil, sediment, and surface water sampling on and adjacent to Wood Island and in Bogue Sound. A site location map is shown in the attached Figure 1 and sample locations are shown in the attached Figure 2 and Figure 3. Surface soil samples will be collected on Wood Island at a depth of zero to one foot below ground surface using a hand auger. Sediment samples will be collected from the floor of Bogue Sound at depths ranging from zero to one foot below the floor of the sound using boat-mounted Vibracore samplers. Surface water sampling in the sound will be performed from the boat using a portable electric sampling pump. Surface water samples collected from the water-filled depressions on Wood Island will be collected using a portable electric sampling pump. The proposed environmental investigation is expected to be completed within a period of approximately one week and will not include development or construction activities of any sort.

The United States Marine Corps has determined that the proposed environmental investigation activities at the Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) do not fit the definition of "development" under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and will have no reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect effects on any coastal use or resource as defined in 15 CFR 930.11.

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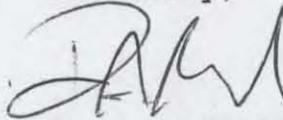
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The United States Marine Corps respectfully requests an accelerated review of this Negative Determination in accordance with 15 CFR 930.35(c) to allow investigation activities to proceed in early March 2009. We appreciate your prompt review of this Negative Determination for the Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2).

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. John Myers of this office at (252) 466-4903.

Sincerely,



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Supervisory Environmental Engineer

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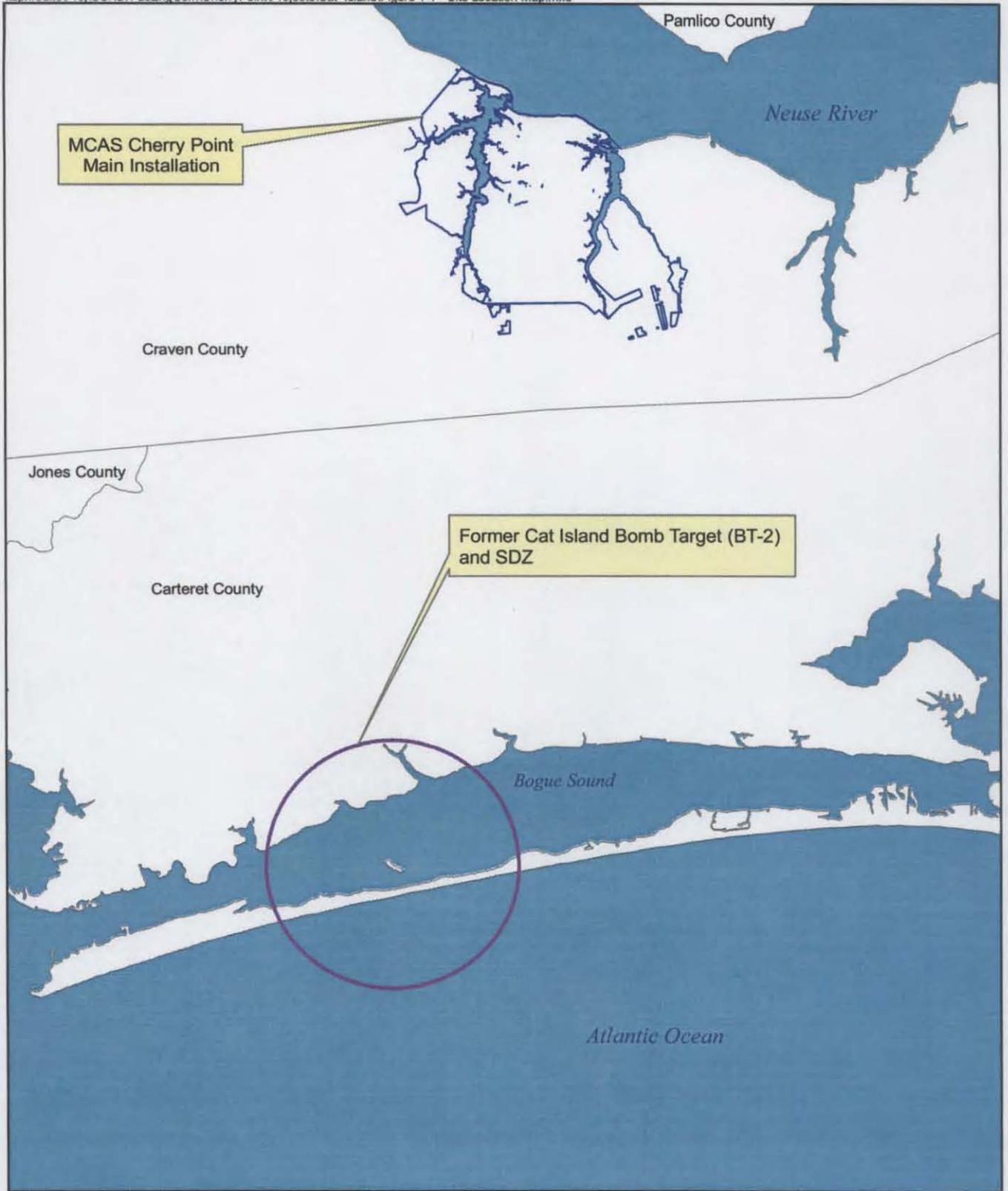
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- Enclosures:
1. Figure 1 - Site Location Map, Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) and Surface Danger Zone, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.
 2. Figure 2 - Revised Surface Soil Sampling Locations, Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) and Surface Danger Zone, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.
 3. Figure 3 - Sediment and Surface Water Sampling Locations, Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2) and Surface Danger Zone, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.

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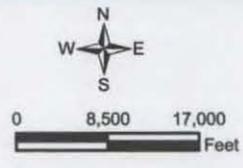


Figure 1
Site Location Map
Former Cat Island Bomb Target (BT-2)
and Surface Danger Zone
MCAS Cherry Point
North Carolina



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- Proposed Surface Soil Composite Increment Location
- - Surface Soil Composite Sample Boundary

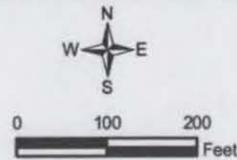


Figure 2
Revised Surface Soil Sampling Locations
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