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Mr. James Scarbrough
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Protection Agency, Region IV
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Dear Mr. Scarbrough:

On September 6, 1991, Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command met with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IV personnel to discuss areas of concern regarding the Navy's environmental program within Region IV. Specifically, the progress of the RFI work at Units 5, 10, 16 and 17 (including the proposed Interim Measures at Unit 10) were discussed. An RFI report documenting this work (NUS, May 1991) was sent to your office for review and comment in May 1991. A Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting was held on July 30, 1991 to discuss the RFI activities (including the proposed Interim Measures) aboard the Air Station. The minutes from the TRC meeting (including a copy of the presentation made by NUS) were sent to your office for review and comment. Once our contractor (Halliburton NUS) completes the Interim Measures planning concepts, we would like to hold a meeting with you and your staff to discuss these concepts proposed by the Navy. It is important for us to stay on schedule or the Navy will lose four million dollars appropriated for this project.

On October 18, 1991, Ms. Jackie Miller of your staff stated that she had not begun review of the RFI Report and recommendations and further stated that October 18, 1991 would be her last day with EPA Region IV. Ms. Miller stated that her replacement might be Ms. Rebecca Hoffman. She also stated that activities under the Consent Order might return to management under CERCLA within the Federal Facilities Section upon issuance of the HSWA Permit for the Air Station.

The aforementioned constraints and program changes require we again request your schedule for review, comment, and/or approval of the RFI Report (particularly the Interim Measures concept), request confirmation as to Ms. Miller's replacement, request the schedule for HSWA Permit issuance and request clarification as to the feasibility of return to management under CERCLA.

Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated and will facilitate our mutually effective management of the Consent Order. If you have questions or comments, please contact George Radford or myself at (919) 466-4598/4599.

Sincerely,



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