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Reference: NAVY CLEAN CONTRACT N62472-90-D-1298

Subject: CONTRACT TASK ORDER NO. 190
MCAS CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
RESPONSE TO COMMENTS - REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT,
FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND RECORD OF
DECISION

Dear Mr. Laughmiller:

Brown & Root Environmental is pleased to submit the Response to Comments for the Remedial Investigation (RI), Feasibility Study (FS), Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), and Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 3 at MCAS Cherry Point. The comments were made on the RI dated October 1995 and the FS/PRAP/ROD dated November 1995.

In addition to the revisions made to the documents based on the comments and based on incorporating the new soil data from the April 1996 sampling effort, several errors were noted in the historical database as the comments were being addressed. These errors were corrected for the most current Revision of the documents.

The changes made to the historical database include the following:

- The sediment data collected in 1985 and 1987 had incorrect units listed for the semivolatile compounds. The results were reported as ug/kg when, in fact, the concentrations were in mg/kg. The concentrations were corrected so that they were actually ug/kg. There was no impact from this correction, since there were no semivolatile compounds detected in the sediments during these sampling rounds.
- The pesticide/PCB results for samples OU3SB17-0001 and OU3SB18-0001 were not included in the database. These results were added to the database and used to define the nature and extent of surface soils at Site 7. This resulted in minimal impact to the statistics for the surface soil at Site 7. The statistics were being recalculated anyway to address the new guidance from EPA Region IV.



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- During the selection of Chemicals of Potential Concern in Appendix J, the historical sediment data was not used, even though the text indicated that all data was used. All data was used during the most recent revision of the RI. Again, the impact was minimal since the statistics were redone because of the new EPA guidance.
- The groundwater results for the 1985 and 1987 sampling rounds were corrected to accurately report the analyses conducted on each sample. There was no impact to the RI because of this change because the sample results for these sampling rounds were not used to evaluate the risks associated with groundwater. Only the most recent groundwater data (1994 or 1995) were used to evaluate the risks.

Copies of the Response to Comments were sent to all recipients of the documents.

Please feel free to call me at (412) 921-8992 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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