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NOAA CRC, U. S. EPA Region III  
Attn: Mr. Peter Knight  
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Dear Mr. Knight:

Thank you for attending the Restoration Advisory Board meeting for Naval Amphibious Base (NAB), Little Creek on November 22, 1994. We appreciated the opportunity to give you a tour of the sites in the Little Creek IR Program. Based on the discussions after the site tour, an approach has been developed to address your concerns on risks to ecological receptors in the Little Creek harbor ecosystem. The following summarizes this approach:

Existing environmental data that has been collected for the various programs at NAB Little Creek, including the IR Program, the VPDES program, the water, sediment, and bioconcentration studies, and the Base Natural Resources Management program, and will be compiled in one concise report that will include a summary of detection limits. In addition, selected sediment sampling will be conducted in Little Creek Cove adjacent to Site 7 in conjunction with the harbor wide sampling to be conducted for the water, sediment, and bioconcentration study. This sampling is expected to be completed in the first half of 1995.

A baseline ecological risk assessment will be conducted for the IR sites. The assessment will incorporate the compiled data from all existing environmental programs as well as the additional sediment samples collected near Site 7. The ecological risk assessment will assemble information on the ecological receptors in the Little Creek harbor ecosystem and will provide habitat mapping for the areas on and adjacent to the IR sites.

We believe this approach will address the concerns you presented in your June 13, 1994 comment letter. In addition, the baseline ecological risk assessment will provide information necessary for Navy, EPA and State risk managers to determine remedial actions that will be protective of the environment for each of the IR sites.

We look forward to discussing this approach with you after you have had the opportunity to review it. We will telephone you in

the second week of January 1995 to discuss comments or suggestions you may have to our approach.

Sincerely,

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