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Mr. Abraham Ferdas, Division Director
Hazardous Site Cleanup Division (3HS00)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Record of Decision for Site 9 (Driving Range Landfill) and
Site 10 (Sewage Treatment Plant Landfill),
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Virginia Beach, Virginia

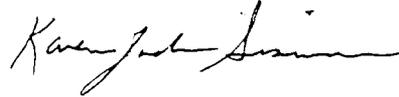
Dear Mr. Ferdas:

At this time, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) is withdrawing its original concurrence of August 23, 2001, on the Record of Decision (ROD) dated July 2001 for Sites 9 and 10 at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek (NABLC). This action is based, in part, on the August 17, 2001 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) memorandum, which recommends including detailed language regarding institutional control components and post-ROD documents in all RODs for Federal facilities. Since the July 2001 version of the NABLC ROD is not consistent with the memorandums recommended language regarding the implementation, monitoring, reporting and enforcement of institutional controls, VDEQ can no longer concur with the ROD as written.

We understand that EPA has recently entered into discussions with the Department of Defense (DoD), as well as the Air Force, in an effort to resolve disputes regarding the inclusion of detailed institutional control language and post-ROD documents in Federal facility RODs. Until such time that these disputes are resolved and the NABLC ROD has been revised to reflect agreements reached on this important issue, VDEQ will withhold its final concurrence for these sites at NABLC.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Robert Weld at (804) 698-4421 or (804) 698-4227, respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Jackson Sismour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" being the most prominent.

Karen Jackson Sismour
Waste Division Director

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