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Attn.: Ms. Dawn Hayes

Re: *Draft PRAP for SWMU 8: West Annex Sandblast Yard*  
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek  
Virginia Beach, VA

Dear Ms. Hayes:

The above referenced document has been reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency. The following comments are offered.

1. Page 1, par. 2 – EPA is not a support agency. EPA issues the PRAP and ROD jointly with the Navy. Even though it is not the lead agency, it is technically not a support agency. Please change the first sentence to read:

*"This Proposed Plan is issued jointly by the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), the lead agency for site activities, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region III, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), the support agency."*

2. Page 1, par. 3 – Citation to CERCLA's public participation requirements in Section 117(a) is also necessary. Please put "CERCLA" in bold letters since it is defined in the glossary. Please change the first sentence to read:

*"The Navy is issuing this Proposed Plan as part of its public participation responsibilities under Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and Section 300.430(f)(2) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)."*

3. Page 7, pas 1 – Although used at the very beginning of the document, NFA should be defined again so the public reading the document will realize that the selected remedy is No Further Action. It has been 6 pages since the term was defined.

4. Page 9, glossary – Please delete the last entry: NPL. It is a duplicate entry.

If you have any questions concerning any of these comments, please call me (215)814-5129.

Sincerely,

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