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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR THE DRAFT FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL GROUNDWATER
EVALUATION REPORT FOR SITE 4 CODDINGTON COVE RUBBLE FILL AREA NS
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RE: Draft Final Supplemental Groundwater Evaluation Report
Site 4, Coddington Cove Rubble Fill Area (CCRF)
Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Keckler and Ms. Crump:

On behalf of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Mid-Atlantic (MIDLANT), Resolution Consultants is pleased to provide this draft final Supplemental Groundwater Evaluation Report for Site 4, CCRF, at NAVSTA Newport. To maintain the FFA schedule for this site, regulatory concurrence is requested on or before December 18, 2015.

Because of the recent transitions of both the Navy and EPA RPMs on this project, we are providing some background materials to assist with the context and team agreements on the project approach and path forward (attached). These materials include the following items:

- Navy notification of findings (8/25/15) to allow EPA to acknowledge "SASE Complete" as an EMEC target prior to the end of FY15 Q4 if that was of interest to the agency.
- Navy response to comments (5/11/15) received from EPA and RIDEM on the Draft report. Per RIDEM Comment No. 1, the Navy also expanded the text to include the additional parameters analyzed, which was not clear in the Navy's response.
- RIDEM comments (4/1/15), providing comments to refine the report, after collecting the additional round of groundwater data.
- EPA comments (4/1/15), reiterating the team's agreement to proceed with an additional round of groundwater sampling, and general agreement with the conceptual site model built using the prior data.
- EPA agreement (3/6/15) to collect an additional round of groundwater samples during

lower groundwater conditions to verify the conceptual site model, and further substantiate that the metals in groundwater are not solely related to the CCRF site. Draft comments for the Navy's consideration were also provided.

These background materials, combined with the confirmation of the conceptual site model through the additional round of groundwater sampling, should be sufficient to consider the SASE phase of work complete for this site, and concur with conducting no further action at this time. We're providing this document as a redline version of the draft final, to further assist the agencies with an efficient review.

Please provide any questions to Mark Kauffman, Activity Coordinator (978-905-2262), and/or Nicole Cowand, Navy RPM (757-341-2009). We look forward to working with you on completing the SASE phase of work for the CCRF site.

Sincerely,



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