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Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Facilities Branch (Code 3ES13)
Attn: Ms. Mary Cooke
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Subject: SWMU-4, Q-72 Sandblast Area

Dear Ms. Cooke:

As discussed during the Naval Station Norfolk Partnering Meeting of January 15, 2003, this is to request removal of SWMU-4, Q-72 Sandblast Area, from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Program. In November 1996, a confirmatory investigation was conducted at SWMU-4. The recommendations from this report were to continue the investigation of SWMU-4 as a Site Screening Area (SSA). As a result of the recommendation, SWMU-4 was included in the Federal Facilities Agreement between the U.S. Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency.

However, the site continues to operate as a sandblasting facility and is anticipated to be operational through at least 2007. Additionally, the operations are monitored as a part of the bases' Virginia Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (VPDES) Permit and identified as an emission source in the Naval Station Norfolk Title V Permit Application. As part of the Military Construction Program, clean up requirements for this site will be addressed when the sandblasting operations cease.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss these results, please contact me at (757) 322-4587.

Sincerely,



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