

**Response to Comments
Draft Technical Memorandum
Trident Probe Survey Results and Data Evaluation
SWMU 14 (Q-50 Satellite Accumulation Area)
Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia
Dated February 2007**

This document responds to comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (e-mail dated 14 March 2007) on the draft technical memorandum, Trident Probe Survey Results and Data Evaluation, SWMU 14 (Q-50 Satellite Accumulation Area), Naval Station Norfolk, Norfolk, Virginia (dated February 2007).

Comment

In general we're fine with the subject document and the conclusions and recommendations therein. Our one comment pertains to the nickel detection at Location 7 and the assumption that is most likely an anomaly. Since we have only one round of sample data and no indication of a data issue with this detection, it could just as easily be argued that the nickel detection may not be an anomaly, but rather something attributable to the site.

However, because of the temporal nature of pore water in the sediment, it is unknown if these detections would be similar in additional rounds of sampling. Given the detection level, the fact that Ni was only a COC in the soil at SWMU 14, the levels detected in the SWMU 14 GW were all lower than this detection at Location 7, the relatively small radial area affected by this detection and the fact that there were no other detections, we would prefer that the assumption that this detection was an anomaly be removed altogether. Instead we'd like to see a simple acknowledgement of the detection and leave it at that. NFA would still be the recommendation of the Tech Memo and Step 4.

Response

The document will be modified to remove the use of the term "anomaly".