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Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Ms. Erica Dameron
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Dear Ms. Dameron:

The Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have agreed to conduct future site remediation activities at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana following the procedural and substantive requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) program. The parties agreed that a Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA) would be negotiated for NAS Oceana, which is not on, or proposed to, the National Priorities List (NPL).

Enclosed please find a proposed non-NPL FFA between the Navy and EPA Region III for NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach. When executed, this agreement is intended to supercede NAS Oceana's existing Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 3008 (h) consent order, and will impose a CERCLA cleanup regime on the air station. This document tracks substantially with the FFAs we have done in Region III.

Although the Commonwealth recently appears to have taken the position that they are no longer interested in participating in Federal Facility Agreements, the Navy believes that such agreements offer a unique opportunity for the State to fully participate in the CERCLA remedy selection process. Accordingly, the Navy extends your department an invitation to participate as a partner and signatory to this agreement. Please let us know as quickly as possible whether or not the Commonwealth would be interested in participating so we can revise the draft proposal accordingly.

Should you have any questions in this regard, my points of contact are Mr. Tim Reisch for technical issues and Mr. David Shepherd for legal issues. They can be reached at (757) 322-4758 and (757) 322-4771, respectively.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the Commander

Enclosure

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NAS Oceana Administrative Record