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Subject: Final Phase II Environmental Baseline Survey Decision Document for Review  
Item Area 105: Concrete Slabs East of Taxiway C

Dear Mr. Leipert:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the final Phase II Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) Decision Document for Review Item Area 105: Concrete Slabs East of Taxiway C, dated May 29, 2002.

EPA Review of the Draft Decision Document revealed that, based on benchmark screening alone, NFA was acceptable. There was a lingering question, however, about the representativeness of the soil sample collected. There was concern that refusal encountered by field personnel suggested that a concrete slab might have been present and samples should have been collected at the edge of the slab, rather than on top of it. During the March 14, 2002 EBS meeting, the Navy indicated that, while interpretation of aerial photographs suggested possible existence of concrete pads at RIA 105, there was no direct evidence of concrete slabs at the site. As described on Page 4 of this Final Decision Document, the site visit conducted on March 27, 2002 revealed that refusal was probably due to the rocky substrate, not a concrete slab. The NFA recommendation in this Final Decision Document is acceptable, as preliminarily agreed to by EPA on March 14, 2002 (contingent upon March 27 site visit results).

If you have any questions please call me at (617) 918-1382.

Sincerely,

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