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Here are EPA's comments on the supplemental work for Nomans Land Island (NMI), which reiterate issues discussed at the last TRC meeting:

1. EPA believes that magnetometer work both on and off shore has value for scoping additional work (seasonal timing). All parties agreed at the last TRC meeting that every anomaly would not necessitate excavation. The Navy needs to consider the advantages and disadvantages of this technology (see materials that Foster Wheeler received at the MMR Impact Area meeting on May 22, 2001; we have also provided them with the CD ROM version).
2. EPA agrees with the discussion at the last TRC that in general, more historical research, including records review and interviews (e.g., local fishermen, Seabees, contractors) is a wise investment in shaping additional work. (This includes flight path and Quonset Point target info, composition of ordnance used and or removed from NMI, fishing bottom and habitat info, etc.)
3. EPA agrees that it is difficult to comment on the scope in any detail since no hard details (sampling locations, number, parameters, etc.) are included in the conceptual scope. Again, the Navy needs to consider the objectives and schedule of the supplemental work, the number of issues that were raised at the TRC meeting, and how to best plan additional work given item #2 above.
4. EPA suggests that both literature and risk-based analysis be performed to sort out the issue of background. We also need to discuss data sets for determining background, other sampling parameters (e.g., perchlorate), and other details as they become ripe for discussion.

Please send notice ASAP for the next TRC meeting if you are still considering June 21 or 28 so we can make travel arrangements. Also, will there be a date set for an agenda planning conference call prior to the meeting (along with meeting minutes?)? In addition, please use Mary Sanderson and Mike Jasinski as your points of contact directly for NMI; you can cc Stan Chin in our office. Thank you.

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