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Mr. Orlando Monaco
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Re: Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC)

Dear Mr. Monaco:

Please find below EPA comments on the Phase III RI Workplan dated January 1995 as it addresses geophysical survey work for Sites 6 and 7.

SITE 6

The aerial extent of the survey lines should be expanded to cover the areas depicted on Enclosure 1. The spacing of the transects perpendicular to the trenches should be no more than 25 feet. Where trees or other obstacles prevent such spacing, the goal should be no less than 4 transects per 100 feet.

Transects perpendicular to the trenches should be extended at least 75 feet from each end of the trenches.

Please note that the majority of subsurface disposal activity within Site 6 appears to have occurred prior to 1973 and that Site 6 was fully graded as of March 24, 1973 (see aerial photo in EPIC, May 1994). The "grading" process may have included placement of additional soil (or similar fill) over certain parts of Site 6, particularly the area of (possible) Trench 4. In addition, since this grading, a significant quantity of miscellaneous debris has been deposited over a considerable portion of Site 6, including the area of Trench 4. The potential placement of soil and/or debris over trenches should be considered when surveying in the area of Trench 4 and otherwise.

SITE 7

The Phase III RI Workplan states that the Site 7 includes a "northwest location" which is "historic area of ground disturbance where sludges may have been dumped and spread out".

What this the source of this information? Without more detailed background information regarding the nature and dimensions of this disturbance, EPA cannot comment on the geophysical survey work proposed for this area. However, in any case, the transect spacing should be reduced from 50 to 25 feet.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please call me at 215-597-0549.

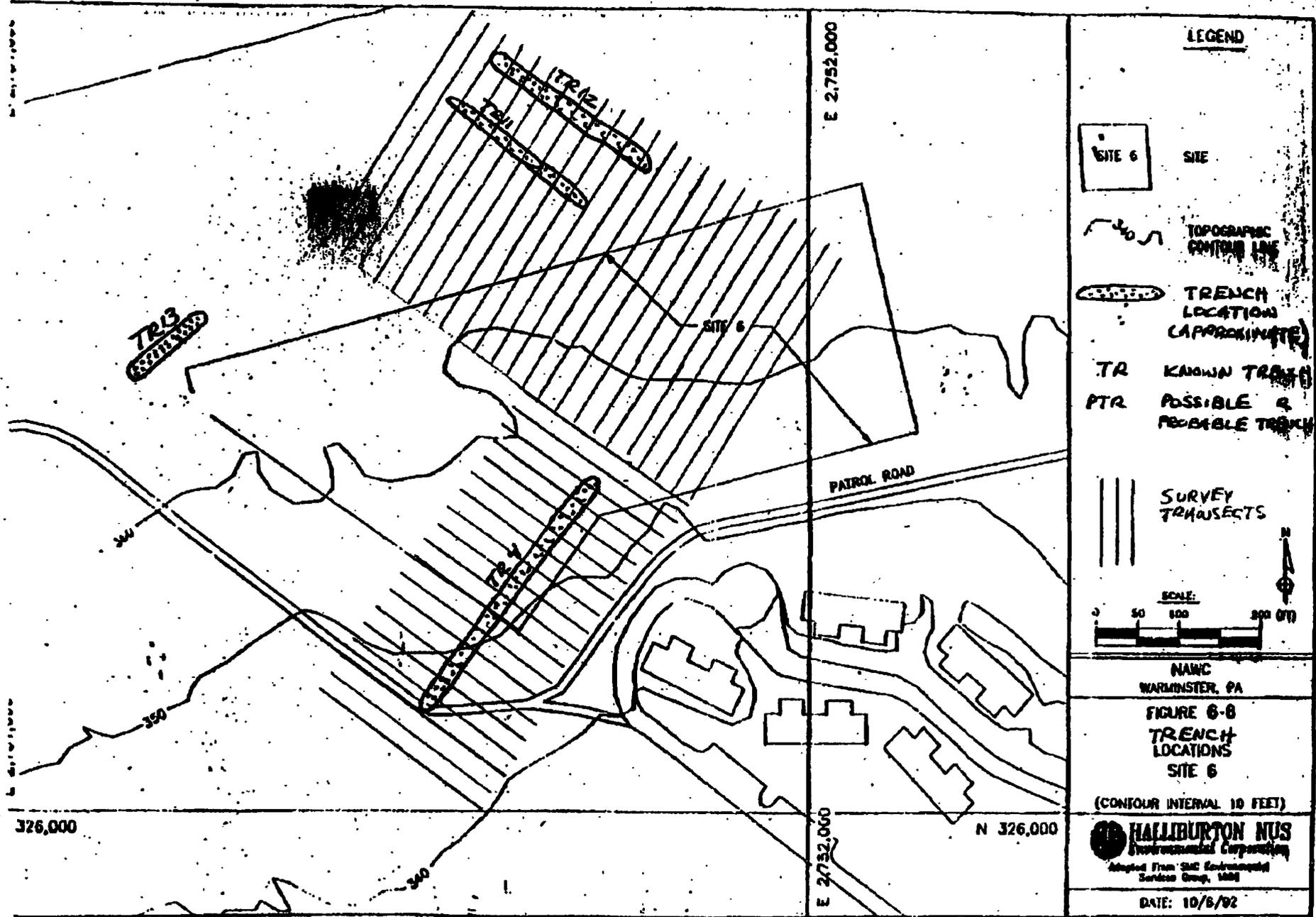
Sincerely,



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Enclosure 1
to letter of March 15, 1995



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