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Remarks:

Steve,

The Draft Final FY 1996/97 Site Management Plan was submitted on September 12, 1995. As stated in Section 12.5 of the FFA, the Navy shall submit a Final Site Management Plan within 30 days after LANTDIV has received official notification of LANTDIV's allocation based on the current year's DERA appropriation. We anticipate receiving official notification on our DERA allocation within the next two or three weeks. Several changes should be made to the Draft Final version of the SMP so that the Final 1996/97 SMP reflects recent schedule changes, budget limitations, and current Site/SSA status. Section 12.5 of the FFA additionally states that changes made from the Draft Final SMP should be explained and justified in the cover letter forwarding the Final SMP. I am forwarding a explanation of anticipated changes at this time so that we may receive your comments and discuss concerns before Baker finalizes the SMP. If possible, I'd like to get your comments before 31 Jan so that Baker can forward the finalized SMP as soon as the official budget is received. Of course, if there are any surprises in the official budget, we'll have to revisit finalizing the SMP. If you can't comment on these changes before 31 Jan, please give me a call.

Many of the proposed changes to the Final FY 1996/97 SMP are the result of anticipated "level funding" requirements, particularly in the latter fiscal years. FY's 96 and 97 for the most part were not negatively affected. Basically, LANTDIV's North IR Section may have approximately 10 million dollars (per FY) to implement studies, designs, and remedial actions in the latter fiscal years. Yorktown essentially has to "compete" for funds with bases like Norfolk Naval Base, NAS Oceana, NAB Little Creek, etc. NWS Yorktown has been fortunate in the past to have

received a lion's share of the funding to initiate SSPs, RI/FSS and Removal Actions. As a result, current schedules indicate that a majority of remedial actions would potentially occur within a relatively short time-frame of one another. We realistically do not have the funds to support this schedule since Remedial Actions can be quite expensive. Consequently, Remedial Actions will have to be scheduled on the SMP commensurate with when the appropriate funding is available. As we all realize, schedules change for a variety of reasons and funding is made available and rescinded in the blink of an eye. I will do my best to "grab" funds as they are made available to shorten any "schedule gaps" for NWS Yorktown and keep progress moving forward.

Several months ago I raised this issue of schedules changing as the result of level funding requirements. The question we needed to answer was whether to halt studies in progress or soon-to-begin studies, if a potential RA could not be implemented within 15 months of the scheduled Final ROD. It was agreed that we should not halt study progress despite the potential for this to occur. The reasons for this were that studies may indicate that Sites/SSAs may not warrant an RA, funding may be made available to implement the RA anyway within a reasonable amount of time after the completion of study activity, and we may be able to implement an interim monitoring/sampling strategy to ensure site conditions have not considerably changed (preventing study information from becoming "stale") and implement the RA as soon as practicable. It was agreed to proceed up to the Draft Final ROD stage and gap the schedule from there. This way, we'll have had the public meeting and ironed-out ARARs. The only thing that will be required will be the final signatures.

As a separate but related item, you may recall that I contacted you that sampling was going to occur at SSAs 9, 10, and 14 for DoD's relative Risk Ranking (RR) purposes. Although these sites were programmed in the SMP for future work, we did not have any environmental data on these SSAs for RRR purposes. The Navy requires that data be available and plugged-into RRR so that funds can be allocated for the SSAs. All three SSAs were evaluated with an overall rating of "medium". This ranking will not affect activities already planned for these SSAs. As I mentioned back when this issue arose, I said that I would make the information available to you. As a result, Baker will forward a copy of the report for the RRR sampling event to you with the Final SMP. (It will be a separate item).

Please call me at your earliest convenience if you have any questions regarding this. Thank You.

**Changes to the Draft Final  
FY-1996/97 Site Management Plan  
Naval Weapons Station Yorktown  
Yorktown, Virginia**

**Page 1-6** - At the bottom the page, Operable Unit No. II (Site 16/SSA 16) will be changed to reflect the actual date of the No-Action-ROD.

**Page 2-8** - Section 2.2.2 will be revised to include information on the Removal Action at SSA 2.

**Page 2-9** - Section 2.2.5 will be revised to include information on the Removal Action at SSA 5.

**Page 2-12** - In section 2.2.10, the words "Facility Tank" will be removed from the title and the body of the paragraph.

**Figures 5-1, 5-2, Appendix E, and Appendix F** - The bar type schedules will change according to the following information:

**SSA 1** - A separate schedule will be created for SSA 1. SSA 1 has been recommended for additional RI/FS activities in the SSP report. The current budget reflects that funds will be available for the following studies/actions. RI/FS in FY 1997, RD in FY 1999, and RA in FY 2000.

**SSA 6** - A separate schedule will be created for SSA 6. SSA 6 has been recommended for additional RI/FS activities in the SSP report. The current budget reflects that funds will be available for the following studies/actions. RI/FS in FY 1997, RD in FY 1999, and RA in FY 2000.

**SSA 7** - A separate schedule will be created for SSA 7. SSA 7 has been recommended for additional RI/FS activities in the SSP report. The current budget reflects that funds will be available for the following studies/actions. RI/FS in FY 1997. Although no RD or RA was programmed into the current budget for SSA 7, I will ensure the RD and RA gets programmed into next year's budget for planning purposes.

**SSA 4, 5, & 10** - SSP in FY 1997, RI/FS in FY 1999, and RD in FY 2000, and RA in FY 2002.

**SSA 3, 9, & 14** - SSA 3, RI/FS in FY 1999. SSA 9, RI/FS in FY 1999, RD in FY 2000, and RA in FY 2001. SSA 14 RI/FS in FY 1998. Although no RD or RA was programmed into the current budget for SSA 14, I will ensure the RD and RA gets programmed into next year's budget for planning purposes.

**SSA 8, 11, 12, & 13** - The Draft Final SMP schedule will be changed to reflect the current schedule for these SSAs. The schedules contained in the Draft Final SMP are out-dated. Currently there is no money budgeted for additional studies/actions at these SSAs beyond the SSP Work Plan. The Work Plan

presents information on the previous investigations conducted at these SSAs and the rationale for no further investigations at this time at SSAs 8, 11, 12, and 13.

**SSA 18** - A separate schedule will be created for SSA 18. SSA 18 has been recommended for additional RI/FS activities in the SSP report. The current budget reflects that funds will be available for the following studies/actions. RI/FS in FY 2001. Although no RD or RA was programmed into the current budget for SSA 18, I will ensure the RD and RA gets programmed into next year's budget for planning purposes

**SSA 20** - The schedule for SSA 20 will be modified to reflect current budget allocations. These are: SSP in FY 1999, RI/FS in FY 2000, RD in FY 2002, and RA in FY 2003.

**SSA 21** - The schedule for SSA 21 will be modified to reflect current budget allocations. These are: SSP in FY 2000, RI/FS in FY 2001, RD in FY 2003 and RA in FY 2004.

**SITE 16/SSA 16** - This Site/SSA will be deleted from the SMP schedules since a ROD has already been signed.

**SITES 4 & 21** - This grouping of sites will be deleted from the SMP schedules since the Final Post-Removal and Confirmation Sampling Report has already been issued. Continued work at Sites 4 and 21 falls under the Sites 4, 21, and 22 work.

**SITES 1 & 3** - The schedule for Sites 1 & 3 will be modified to reflect current budget allocations. These are: RA in FY 2000.

**SITES 4, 21, & 22** - The schedule for Sites 4, 21, and 22 will be modified to reflect current budget allocations. These are: RA in FY 2001.

**SITES 8 & 18** - The schedule for Sites 8 & 18 will be modified to reflect current budget allocations. These are: RA in FY 2001.

**SITE 12** - The SMP schedule will updated in accordance with the latest schedule changes for Site 12.

**THE YORK RIVER BASIN BACKGROUND REPORT** - This will be deleted from the SMP since it has already been completed.