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LETTER AND U S EPA REGION III COMMENTS TO DRAFT SITE INSPECTION REPORT
AREAS OF CONCERN 1, 2, 6, 7 AND 8 NWS FISC WILLIAMSBURG VA
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Subject: Comments on the Draft Site Inspection Report: Areas of Concern 1,2,6,7 and 8.

Ms. Parra:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. EPA would like to provide the following comments at this time.

EPA RPM Comment 1: For AOC 6, I'm assuming this is the barrel pile from the 1918 photographs? Can we transpose the location of the former rail spur (from the 1918 photos) on the figure 5-4? Or just a figure as part of the RTC's would be fine. I'm having a hard time identifying any landmarks to know this is the correct location from what I'm seeing on the 1918 photograph. Also, what is the future anticipated use for this area (are these the cabins?)?

EPA RPM Comment 2: As part of the response to RPM General Comment 2, were all 5 below the low of the range or where did the fall with the range?

EPA RPM Comment 3: For the barium and the explosives issues, please make it clear in the document that these media need to be and will be investigated/assessed in the Penniman Lake RI.

EPA RPM Comment 4: Response to Comment 30. VOCs should be analyzed as part of the confirmation sampling due to the cans being labeled "PCE".

EPA RPM Comment 5: AOC 1 North. The aluminum on the eastern portion of the site should be considered when additional samples are taken (I forget if we added a location here during scoping or not). The hit exceeds the residential RSL in both the surface and subsurface sample.

EPA RPM Comment 6: AOC 6. Ammonia Settling Pit. Please confirm, as discussed in the meeting, why samples were only taken around the Ammonia Finishing Area.

EPA RPM Comment 7: For AOC 2, is the subsurface DDE within the removal footprint? Looks like it is the same spot you guys say will remove the surface pesticide detect and is only at a depth of 0.5-1'. If so, make this clear in the text. The Arsenic levels are elevated and I'm not sure that it will "fall out" when risk is evaluated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 215-814-3378.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Burchette", is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "B".

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cc: Wade Smith, VDEQ