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COMMENTS ON FINAL PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FOR SITES 6 AND 7 NWS
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RE: NWS Yorktown

Dear Ms. Okorn:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the May 1998 Final v2 Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Sites 6 and 7 at the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Yorktown, Virginia. The following comments are made on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

On page 9, under the heading of Ecological Risk Assessment, this section could be enhanced by the inclusion of tables including data to support the statement made in this section.

On page 9, in the section on Scope and Role of Action, the third sentence says, "There will be no further action at OU 12 for groundwater, surface water, sediment, or soil." This sentence is out of place in this paragraph. The justification for this statement actually appears in the next paragraph. This sentence should be incorporated into this next paragraph.

On page 11 under Areas of Concern, the first sentence should be changed to: "Three Site Areas of Concern (SAOCs) were identified at Site 6 (Figures 3, 4, and 5) where the COC concentrations exceed the respective RLs (Table 4)."

On page 15 under Areas of Concern, there are three assumed depths to which contamination extends (5 feet, 1 foot, and 0.5 feet). Based on the sampling data, there is evidence that the 5 feet of contamination is a reasonable estimate for SAOC#1. However, the other two estimates of the depth of contamination for SAOC#2 and #3 do not have data to support these assumptions. This document should clearly indicate if sampling will be used to confirm the depths of contamination (and thereby potentially change the estimated volumes of contaminated sediment or soil).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 566-3321.

Sincerely,

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