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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY REGARDING REVIEW OF REVISED FOCUSED FEASIBILITY STUDY SITE 8  
NCBC GULFPORT MS  
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Re: Focused Feasibility Study, Site 8, Herbicide Orange Storage Area, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Mississippi, Final, April 2002.

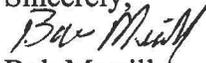
The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control has reviewed the above referenced revised Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) for Site 8. The document is generally adequate for the intended purpose, however some concerns expressed in the comment letter forwarded on 22 February 2002 have not been addressed. Some additional concerns are also given below.

1. The Remedial Goal Option of 1,000 ppt for off base deep water sediments (Area 3) described on page 2-9 (paragraph 5) is not given on table 2-3 (page 2-8). The original remedial goal of 102 ppt is shown on Table 2-3.
2. The footnote legend for Table 2-3 does not include a description for item 3 referenced several times in the table. A fourth footnote in the legend concerning unrestricted TRG values is not labeled or referenced in the main body of the table.
3. Clarification is needed concerning the intended distinction between the Remedial Goal Option (RGO) and preliminary remedial action goal (PRG). The actual remedial goals intended for evaluation and cleanup of sediments given in the report (page 2-9, paragraphs 3 through 5) are the same as PRGs shown on Table 2-3. It should be clearly indicated in the text and on associated tables that PRG values are the actual intended cleanup values, not the RGOs. Typically cleanup screening numbers are expressed as RGOs.

4. Clarification is needed concerning the elimination of the groundwater medium from proposed remedial and monitoring activities at Site 8. Only previous sampling activities and results for the soil and sediment mediums are addressed in this document and in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (submitted November 2001). Results of previous groundwater sampling events and future monitoring (if determined necessary) should be included in the remedial plan for Site 8 and the associated on- and off-base areas that are described in the FFS.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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