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DECISION DOCUMENT SITE 6 NCBC GULFPORT MS
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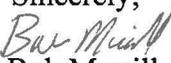
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Re: Decision Document for Site 6, Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport, Mississippi, Draft, December 2006.

The Mississippi Office of Pollution Control has reviewed the above referenced document received on 12 April 2007. The document provides a good overview of groundwater and soil sampling and analyses through time, and is adequate for the intent with the following exception.

The recommendation given for no further remedial action (page 33, paragraph 2) contradicts the selected remedy of monitored natural attenuation with land use controls (to restrict groundwater usage from the Surficial Aquifer) that is discussed throughout the document. Groundwater monitoring has been conducted during the last two years along with natural attenuation parameters in order to demonstrate the occurrence of natural attenuation. The text (page 33, last paragraph) states that a groundwater monitoring program will be developed to monitor for TPH, VOCs and SVOCs on a quarterly basis for two years, with reduced sampling frequencies in the future if conditions warrant. This monitoring program should include natural attenuation parameters. OPC concurs with this selected remedy and looks forward to receipt of the groundwater monitoring plan. The wording of (portions of) the text should be changed (from no further action) to monitored natural attenuation to reflect the selected remedy.

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

Sincerely,

Bob Merrill

cc. Julie Corkran, USEPA