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RE: Draft Preliminary Assessment, Naval Air Station Jacksonville; Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. McGinnis:

I have reviewed the above document dated October 2005 (received November 15, 2005). We have also discussed this site at our Partnering meeting. The document describes the present condition of the former Akron Road Former Small Arms Range. Based on the information in the document, I recommend that the site be considered for incorporation into Schedules A1 and A2 of the facility HSWA Permit. Since a Remedial Investigation for OU 1 that was conducted in 1996 discussed this area and an investigation for this area was conducted by Golder Associates in 1997, a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study that incorporates those data and other newly updated data (primarily groundwater) should be conducted in order to properly pursue site characterization and closure.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 245-8999.

Sincerely,

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