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LETTER REGARDING FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
APPROVAL OF ARSENIC BACKGROUND STUDY REPORT NS MAYPORT FL
9/25/2008
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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RE: Arsenic Background Study Report, Naval Station Mayport, Mayport, Florida (Tetra Tech NUS, Inc., September 24, 2008).

Dear Mr. Hayworth:

I have reviewed the subject document dated September 24, 2008 (received September 24, 2008 by email). I understand that no changes were made to the draft version of this document that was approved by FDEP on September 23, 2008. I am in agreement with the conclusions presented by Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. (Tetra Tech) in this report. FDEP also agrees with Tetra Tech on the maximum background concentration of 13.70mg/kg representing the upper range of background concentrations for arsenic at NAVSTA Mayport. Based on the results of this background study, and guidance from the University of Florida's Center for Environmental & Human Toxicology, I concur with the recommendations in this report. FDEP's concurrence is based on documentation that no arsenic spills or discharges to the environment have occurred.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you require additional clarification or other assistance please feel free to contact me at 850/245-8999.

Sincerely,

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cc Tim Bahr, FDEP, Tallahassee