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CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Me. Allison Drew
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United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Region IV
Waste Management Division
RCRA and Federal Facilities Branch
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Dear Me. Drew:

The Navy has received your final comments for the Draft RI/FS Workplans for Operable Units 1-5 (Batch 1-Phase II) and 11, 12, 13, and 14 (Batch 4-Phase I) at NAS Pensacola on February 10, 1992. We want to bring to your attention that EPA took approximately 28 extra days from the time of the expired extension on January 13, 1992 until, the Navy received all of EPA comments. The total amount of review time which EPA used was 137 days from the received submittal date on September 24, 1991. The Navy has yet to receive comments on the Group L Draft workplan comments which were received by EPA on September 24, 1991.

The Navy has every intention of addressing and responding to all of EPA appropriate comments. We would also like to remind you of the agreement made during the telephone conversation between EPA and Southern Division prior to September 24, 1991 that EPA comments on Batch 1 (10 Interim Data Reports and 5 RI/FS Phase I workplans) which were general and applicable to the Batch 4 workplans would be incorporated into the Draft/Final documents. We explained to EPA the Navy's position. The Navy was in the process of publishing and submitting the Batch 4 documents and to incorporate EPA's Batch 1 comments would extremely delay the process. An agreement was obtained to remain on schedule and incorporate all comments prior to the submittal of the Draft/Final document.

The Navy shall submit written responses to all of the Agency's comments within the 60 days of receipt of all comments for any given document. We will provide written responses and the Draft/Final Phase I documents for OU 11, 12, 13, and 14 by April 11, 1992. The Navy will provide written responses to all of the Agency's comments for OU 1-5 as well as the Draft/Final Phase II documents by April 23, 1992, since all comments were not received in this office until February 23, 1992.

In addition, during the Remedial Project Manager's meeting on January 13-14, 1992, the Phasing approach was explained by the Navy, and BPA and FDER came to the agreement that some phasing was necessary. The Navy has agreed to limit the number of Phases necessary to completely characterize to sites.

If I may be of any further assistance to you regarding our agreements, or should you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Suzanne O. Sanborn at (803) 743-0574.

Sincerely,

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