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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Suzanne Sanborn
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Department of the Navy - Southern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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Charleston, South Carolina 29411-0068

Re: Request to delay field start date for Batches 1, 3 and 4;
Naval Air Station (NAS), Pensacola

Dear Ms. Sanborn:

EPA is in receipt of your March 30, 1992, letter requesting to extend the "Start Date" for field work at Batches 1, 3, and 4. Before we can give further consideration to these requests, the following information must be provided in accordance with Section XXIV. of the Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA).

Regarding the request to delay field work for Batches 1 and 4, the Navy's request must include good cause for the extension. Specifically, further explanation of the reasons for lack of funding and operating resources must be provided. If the remaining FY92 funds are insufficient to permit a timely field start for an entire batch, then the Navy must consider starting field work for at least a portion of one of these batches in accordance with the presently approved schedule.

Response

Regarding the request to delay field work for Batch 3 (Operable Unit 10), the Navy must provide EPA with a definite field start date before this extension request can be considered. Also with regard to Operable Unit 10, EPA has yet to receive a final copy of the RI/FS Work Plan which satisfactorily incorporates the changes requested in our conditional approval letter of February 14, 1992. Continued delay in submittal of this document may serve as cause for dispute.

EPA appreciates the Navy's prompt attention to these matters, and looks forward to receipt of the requested information.

Sincerely yours,

Allison W. Drew, RPM
Department of Defense Remedial Unit
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cc: Ron Joyner, NAS, Pensacola
Eric Nuzie, FDER