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Re: Naval Air Station Pensacola, National Priority List Site,

1. Draft *Remedial Investigation Report, Site 39*
2. Draft *Immediate Removal Action Work Plan, Site 39*
3. Draft *Immediate Removal Action Work Plan, Site 32*

Dear Mr. Hill:

We have reviewed the above referenced documents and provide the following comments.

Immediate Action Removal (IRA) Work Plans

The IRA work plans for Sites 32 and 39 should remove any site source contamination and eliminate any further migration to the groundwater.

PI Report, Site 39

In Section 7.2 (Groundwater Analytical Results, Metals and Cyanide), the document indicates that five metals (beryllium; chromium; iron; lead; manganese) are above Florida Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards but are below the background concentrations. They were therefore considered indigenous to the aquifer at these levels. We are concerned that the background wells may actually be impacted from ambient sources. Also, the migration of the contamination is toward Pensacola Bay. An upwelling into the bay from the aquifer is likely, therefore potentially impacting bay sediments, benthic organisms, and surface water. However, this site does not appear to pose a threat to that ecosystem.

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Thank you for the ability to comment. If you have any questions,
please call (904) 488-0784.

sincerely,



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