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Subj: Approval of RI Report and Proposed Plan for Site 39;
Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, Florida
EPA Site ID No.: FL 9170024567

Dear Mr. Hill:

EPA has completed its review of the April 1995 errata sheets for the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for Site 39, and the revised Proposed Plan for this same site, dated May 26, 1995. These documents, as revised, are acceptable and may be considered final. EPA looks forward to receiving updated title pages for the RI Report which indicate the "final" status of this document.

In addition, EPA wishes to raise the following concerns. First, in the future, the public comment period for the Proposed Plan should not begin until the Proposed Plan is finalized (i.e. approved by all three Parties to the Federal Facilities Agreement). The Tier 1 team should develop and follow schedules which ensure that this occurs. Second, "Responses to Comments" should only be provided for final agency comments. EPA often provides draft comments at Partnering meetings in order to expedite the review process. However, these draft comments are subject to revision and should not be regarded as official or final, or responded to as such.

Sincerely Yours,

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