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RE: Final Preliminary Site Characterization Report Site 14, NAS
Pensacola

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have completed the technical review of the above referenced document dated November 17, 1995 (received November 20, 1995). The document cannot be approved as final until the following comment is addressed.

1. The document is acceptable except for the Recommended Action on Page 9-3. We do not agree with the first sentence of the second paragraph that all the material is suitable as fill at other parts of the base. The soil and sediment are usable as fill under certain controlled conditions. I recommend phrasing the paragraph as follows:

Based on the Tier I Partnering Team discussions, the sediment in the basins and the soil of the surrounding berms are suitable as fill material under the following circumstances:

1. As the basin sediment exceeds the surface soil PRGs, it can only be used as fill material if it is covered by at least 2-feet of clean soil, and placed in areas not subject to erosion.
2. The berm soil can be used as fill material anywhere on the base as it does not pose a risk.

For the site to be adequately managed under these conditions, any plans for use or alteration of the site sediment or soil must be submitted for approval by the

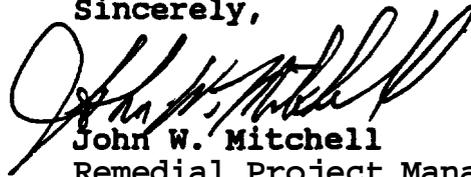
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Tier I Partnering Team. Prevention of migration of contaminated sediment to the adjacent wetlands and Pensacola Bay must be part of any reuse plans.

If I can be of any further assistance with this matter, please contact me at (904) 921-9989.

Sincerely,



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