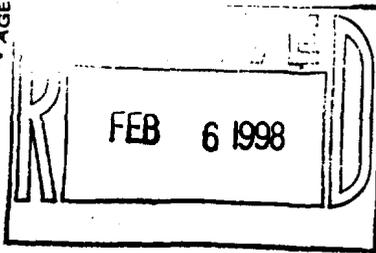


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SUBJ: Draft Record of Decision *AD*
Operable Unit 6 & 14, Sites *6*, 29 & 17
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Dear Mr. Hill:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **has** completed its review of the above subject document. Comments are enclosed.

If you have any questions please contact me at **(404) 562-8538**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gena D. Townsend", is written over a rectangular area.

Gena D. Townsend
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Enclosure

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Comments

OU 6 -- Sites 9 and 29 Draft ROD

1. The ROD does not sufficiently explain why the “no action” alternative is appropriate even though the risk posed by arsenic at Site 9 exceeds the point of departure (page 40).

2. The ROD does not sufficiently explain why there is a lack of complete exposure pathways for the shallow/intermediate groundwater even though the hazard indices were 9 and 4 for the future child resident, and 4 and 2 for the future adult resident, at Sites 9 and 29 respectively (page 41).

Suggested Correction: Instead of using the term “lack of complete exposure pathways,” use “lack of aquifer usage”.

OU 14 -- Site 17

1. The ROD states in Section 6.0 that Site 17 no longer poses any excess risk to **human** health, but does not state what the risks are or define “excess risk.” The risk numbers must be presented in the ROD, accompanied by a discussion that explains what the risks mean.