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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: **Ms.** Gena Townsend
Atlanta Federal Center
100 Alabama Street **SW**
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104

NAS PENSACOLA
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Re: Final Record of Decision Clarification
Site **17** (Operable Unit **14**), **NAS** Pensacola
Contract # N62467-89-D-0318/083

Dear **Ms.** Townsend:

On behalf of the Navy, EnSafe Inc. is pleased to submit a response to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) comment of August 24, 1998. The Final Record of Decision for Site 17 (Operable Unit 14) dated June 5, 1998 identified that iron exceeded its surface soil preliminary remediation goal (PRG) of 2,300 mg/kg and reference concentration (2,745 mg/kg). The PRG was based on the **U.S.** Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region **III** risk-based concentration for residential soil adjusted to equal a hazard index of 0.1. The reference dose on which the PRG is based is being reviewed by USEPA. In the interim, the Tier 1 Partnering Team has agreed that the FDEP iron soil cleanup target level (SCTL) of 23,000 mg/kg be used to assess excess iron risk. As shown on Figure 5-1 of the Record of Decision, the maximum detection iron concentration in surface soil is 8,920 mg/kg which is below the iron SCTL; therefore, iron is not considered a chemical of potential concern.

Please file this letter with the Final Record of Decision to clarify the discrepancy. If you should have any questions or need any additional information regarding the document, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

EnSafe Inc.



Allison Dennen Harris
Task Order Manager

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