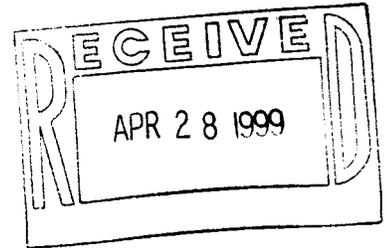




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Commanding Officer,  
Southern Division, NAVFACENGC  
Attn: Mr. Bill Hill (code 1851)  
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SUBJ: ~~Draft~~ Proposed Plan  
Operable Unit 4, Site 15  
Naval Air Station Pensacola  
EPA Site ID No.: FL9170024567

Dear Mr. Hill:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), **has** completed the review of the above subject document, dated March 1999. 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".

**Gena D. Townsend**  
Senior Project Manager  
Federal Facilities Branch

Enclosure

cc: **Ron** Joyner, NAS Pensacola  
**Brian** Caldwell, Ensafe  
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Joe Fugitt, FDEP

The Office of RCRA and Federal Facilities Legal Support has reviewed the draft Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 4 - Site 15 dated March 1999, submitted by the U.S. Navy for the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, and has the following comments. The comments are based on OSWER Directive 9355.3-02 and the National Contingency Plan, and the information requested is deemed necessary to provide a reasonable explanation of the proposed plan and alternative proposals considered, as required by CERCLA § 117(a).

1. In the "Description of Alternatives" section, include the ARARs and estimated implementation time frames associated with each alternative.

2. Include the lengths of time estimated to achieve degradation of contaminants for Alternative G-2. [\*note: It should be stressed that by removal of the source, (soil contamination), the groundwater should return to its natural state.]

3. Include a description of the short-term and long-term effectiveness of the proposed remedies.

4. Add direction of groundwater flow to figure.

5. The selected gw remedy (G-2) cost more and has a longer remediation time frame than G-3 "Groundwater Recovery and discharge". G-2 should not take 30 years for remediation once the source is removed. The G-2 alternative should be modified or this selection does not seem like a wise choice.