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LETTER AND CONCURRENCE FROM THE U S EPA REGION IV REGARDING  
EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES AT SITE 39 AND OPERABLE UNIT 12 NAS  
PENSACOLA FL  
1/20/1998  
U S EPA REGION IV



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Commanding Officer  
Naval Air Station Pensacola  
190 Radford Boulevard  
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SUBJ: Explanation of Significant Differences  
Operable Unit 12, Site 39  
Naval Air Station Pensacola  
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Sir:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has reviewed the above subject decision document and concurs with the explanation of significant differences for the Remedial Action at Site 39. This remedy is supported by the previously completed Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study and Baseline Risk Assessment Reports.

The significant difference to the July 1995 Record of Decision (ROD) involves eliminating the five year review criteria. The human health risk assessment identified arsenic as a potential groundwater risk to future site residents. The detected arsenic levels were below the Federal and State drinking water standards. Upon further review of the site data and evaluation of the site constituent levels and remediation goals, the five year review criteria did not apply.

This action is protective of human health and the environment, complies with Federal and State requirements that are legally applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action and is cost effective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Green".

Richard D. Green  
Acting Director  
Waste Management Division

cc: Elsie Munsell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy  
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