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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING REVIEW OF FINAL RECORD OF DECISION SITE 42 NAS
PENSACOLA FL
4/20/1998
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Mr. Bill Hill

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RE: Final Record of Decision, Operable Unit 17 (Site 42), NAS Pensacola

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have completed the technical review of the above referenced final Record of Decision (ROD) dated February 20, 1998 (received February 24, 1998) and cannot approve it as final until the following comment is addressed.

1. The last paragraph of Section 6.3 (Baseline Risk Assessment Conclusions) needs to be modified. It discusses ecological risk related to Site 2 rather than Site 42. Comparison to the risk assessment at Site 2 is appropriate, but the ecological risk should be correlated to Site 42. I suggest the following wording:

"Ecological Risk at Site 42 was assessed in comparison to HQs which showed adverse effects to the environment at Site 2, which is another Operable Unit in Pensacola Bay and was investigated separately from Site 42. The environment at Site 42 was similar and comparable to the Site 2 area. The HQs at Site 42 were lower than those which showed adverse effects at Site 2, except for the area around the barge loading dock. The constituents of concern at the barge loading dock were PAHs which are likely from petroleum products unloaded at the dock. This contamination will be further investigated under Florida's petroleum program."

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

Sincerely,

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