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LETTER FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGARDING
DRAFT EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OPERABLE UNIT 10 NAS
PENSACOLA FL
7/9/1998
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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July 9, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bill Hill
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Southern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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RE: Draft Explanation of Significant Differences, Operable Unit
10, NAS Pensacola

Dear Mr. Hill:

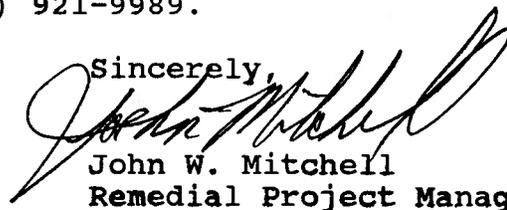
I have received a copy of the above reference document dated
May 13, 1998 (received May 14, 1998).

I do not think it is appropriate to review this Explanation
of Significant Differences (ESD) as the Pensacola Tier I
Partnering Team never discussed or agreed upon issuing an ESD for
Operable Unit (OU) 10. Previous discussions concerned the fact
that you did not agree with the need for a five year review at
this site because the groundwater remediation required in the
Record of Decision was to be handled through the Resource
Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit at the treatment
plant.

I had indicated to you that the state did not agree with
your position. You indicated that you were going to discuss this
issue with your legal counsel and submit a rebuttal letter to the
state. In partnering team discussions, USEPA has concurred with
the state's opinion. Since that time, you made a unilateral
decision outside the partnering team process to proceed with an
ESD. Any further discussion of this issue should be through the
team process.

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

Sincerely,



John W. Mitchell
Remedial Project Manager

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