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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
TO DRAFT FINAL REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY SAMPLING AND
ANALYSIS PLAN SITE 41 NAS PENSACOLA FL
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DRAFT FINAL RI/FS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN, SITE 41
NAVAL AIR STATION PENSACOLA
COMMENTS DATED JUNE 27, 1995**

COMMENT 1:

Abstract: The abstract only mentions a total of 20 IR sites. however, based on the CSAP, there are 35 IR sites, excluding Sites 40 and 42.

RESPONSE:

Only 23 of the 35 IR sites are suspected of impacting the wetlands. These are the only sites that will be considered. This point will be made clearer in the text.

COMMENT 2:

Though Site 3 has been transferred to the petroleum program, the propose sample location for wetlands potentially contaminated by this site (Wetlands W1 and 72), should not change due to the change in programs. The only difference will be the constituents analyzed for do not have to be full scan, but limited to the constituents detected in the initial soil and groundwater assessment.

RESPONSE:

The constituents to be analyzed will not be full scan but will be limited to the constituents anticipated to be present or those detected in the initial soil and groundwater assessment. All other aspects of the investigation will be similar.

COMMENT 3:

Figure 2-1, Table 2-1, and Section 4.0: Category 6 sites besides Site 24 (15, 17, 18, and 28) should be illustrated and described as sites potentially impacting wetlands. For example, Site 15 (Pesticide rinsate Disposal Area), has the potential of contamination. All other IR sites, some with little potential of contamination, such as Sites 39 and 10; and others downgradient of any wetland, such as Sites 9 and 36, are illustrated. Though Category 6 sites are in their preliminary stages of assessment, as are Categories 3 and 7, a denotation should be included, stating further sampling could be included as more information is collected.

RESPONSE:

A description of sites 15, 17, 18, and 28 will be included in Section 4.13, "Other Sites of Concern". Since little information is known about these sites, they will be evaluated for wetland impact after further study.

COMMENT 4:

Section 4.4.5: Sediment and surface water samples may need to be collected from Wetlands 4A, 4B, and 4C as further assessment is conducted at Category 6 sites.

RESPONSE:

It will be mentioned in the text that additional samples may need to be collected, depending on the results from Category 6. Descriptions of Category 6 sites is provided in Section 4.14 of the SAP, "Other Sites of Concern". A general statement will also be added to Section 4.14 stating that any other sites, after further investigation, suspected of impacting a wetland may also be studied further to gauge potential impacts.

COMMENT 5:

If reference samples are already collected by EPA from Wetland 39, and the sediment contamination levels are below the Sediment Screening Values, why are additional reference samples proposed for Wetlands 25A, 25B, 32 and 33?

RESPONSE:

There are a variety of wetland types at NAS Pensacola, which represent a large portion of the base. To obtain more representative reference conditions, it was felt that choosing three reference wetlands would yield more accurate and representative information on background conditions. Wetland 27 has been chosen over Wetland 25 as a reference wetland. These three wetlands differ in their type, size, and location to provide the best representation of all wetlands on base.