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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
Mr. Timothy Gordon  
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Subj: SWMU 1 MEC DISCOVERY, SUBMITTAL OF REVISED PHASE I ICM WORK PLAN AND SUBMITTAL OF SURFACE MEC INVESTIGATION/REMOVAL WORK PLAN, NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO RICO

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) were discovered at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 1 on 21 Jan 2010 during the implementation of the Phase I Interim Corrective Measures (ICM). Site access was secured until 10 Feb 2010, at which time Explosive Ordnance Detachment (EOD) Mayport arrived and examined the MEC items found. EOD indicated all items were inert. The Navy developed, and received approval from Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA), an Explosive Safety Submission Determination and on 2 Mar 2010 the ICM work continued with the presence of an unexploded ordnance (UXO) escort. However, additional items of MEC were found throughout the day and the decision was made to stop work again due to safety concerns. The ICM contractor demobilized and site access was again secured.

Due to the discovery of this MEC at SWMU 1, the navy will revise the draft Phase I ICM Work Plan to identify that MEC is known to exist at the site. Wording to the effect that an Explosive Safety Submission (ESS) will be prepared and submitted to NOSSA for review and approval, and that a separate work plan for surface MEC investigation and removal will be prepared and submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 2 and Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) for review and approval, will be added to the text. Additionally, comments outlined in EPA letter dated 28 Jan 2010 will be addressed and included in this revised document. Estimated submittal date of the revised Phase I ICM Work Plan is 5 Apr 2010.

The draft Surface MEC Investigation and Removal Work Plan is planned to be submitted to USEPA and PREQB on 27 Oct 2010. This is newly identified work that is planned to be under contract by mid Jun 2010. An ESS must also be prepared before work on the MEC Investigation and Removal Work Plan can commence. This initial work plan

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will be for the investigation and removal of surface MEC only. This will allow the ICM contractor to get back in the field to complete the ICM.

Upon completion of the surface MEC investigation and removal, an additional work plan will be developed for MEC constituent sampling and submitted to USEPA and PREQB for comment and approval.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (843) 743-2124 or via email at [mark.e.davidson@navy.mil](mailto:mark.e.davidson@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Davidson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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