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Subject: U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
RCRA Corrective Action Program
RCRA/HSWA Permit No. PR2170027203
EPA Comment Letter dated March 8, 2002

Dear Ms. DiForte:

The Navy received an EPA Region II comment letter dated March 8, 2002 providing comments on the Draft Re-Characterization Sampling Work Plan for SWMU 11 dated March 31, 1998. Sufficient funds are not available at the present time to submit a revised work plan in accordance with your March 8, 2001 letter. Therefore, the Navy requests a modification of the corrective action schedule for the above-mentioned document in accordance with Module III.E.10.f.3.

Once funding becomes available a Final work plan will be submitted to your office for approval. This work plan will address the comments in the March 8, 2002 EPA letter as well as reflect information from the conference call with Tim Gordon of your staff, myself, and Mark Kimes of Baker Environmental conducted on April 22, 2002 discussing the approach for re-characterizing the interior of Building 38.

As discussed in the April 22, 2002 conference call, the work plan will be revised to include sample analysis for PCBs and dioxins/furans to assess whether or not the fire impacted the contaminant distribution within the building. In addition, a condition assessment of the thermal pipe insulation inside the structure will also be conducted. This assessment is to be used as part of the decision-making criteria for determining the future disposition of the building.

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If you have any questions please contact me at (757) 322-4736.

Sincerely,



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