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BASIS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 75 (SWMU 75) NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO
RICO
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Mr. Gregory Preston
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Re: Solid Waste Management Unit 75 – Statement of Basis (SoB)
Naval Activity Puerto Rico, Ceiba Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Preston:

This is to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2 has completed its review of the draft Statement of Basis (SoB) for the Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU 75), dated November 19, 2014, for the former Naval Activity Puerto Rico base in Ceiba, Puerto Rico. As the SoB is subject to public comment, EPA's final approval will be provided after the public has been given the opportunity to comment upon the document and any outstanding issues have been addressed.

SWMU 75 area is comprised of approximately 0.75 acres located along the water area by Pier 3. The building (Building 803) located on the property was used as a pump house for the fire-fighting, emergency system. Building 803 also included an underground tank used for storing diesel fuel. Although the tank was removed in 1993, an investigation of the outside area was performed to evaluate the potential that past leaks may have occurred to the environment. In addition, a subsurface trench existed within the building that was connected to the Ensenada Honda allowing seawater to be extracted.

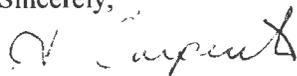
In 1993, the tank was removed and subsequently the area was investigated to determine if any residual contamination remained posing a potential concern. As a result, the SoB documents:

- the excavation of the tank,
- the investigation and assessment of the property;
- the soil and groundwater sampling performed;
- the human health risk under a residential scenario; and
- the ecological risk.

After considering all these factors, the SoB recommends a no further investigation or corrective action determination and encourages public participation in order to make a final decision. EPA therefore recommends to proceed with the public notice of the document to obtain the public's input.

If you have any questions regarding the subject of this letter, please contact me or have your staff contact Douglas Pocze, of my staff, at (212) 637-4432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

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