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Subject: Response to USEPA, FDEP, NAS Whiting Field, and Southern Division Comments  
Draft Community Relations Plan  
NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida

Reference: CLEAN Contract No. N62467-94-D-0888, Contract Task Order No. 0028

Dear Ms. Martin:

Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. is pleased to submit responses to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), NAS Whiting Field, and Southern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command comments on the Draft Community Relations Plan, Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Florida.

Copies of the responses have been forwarded to the persons listed below on behalf of Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command for Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Responses will be incorporated into the Final Community Relations Plan upon their approval.

Please call me at (865) 220-4727 if you have any questions or comments regarding this submittal.

Sincerely yours,

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Task Order Manager

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Enclosure

- c: Mr. Craig Benedikt, USEPA (1 copy)
- Mr. Jim Cason, FDEP (2 copies)
- Mr. Terry Hansen, Tetra Tech NUS (1 copy)
- Mr. Jim Holland, NAS Whiting Field (1 copy)
- Mr. Larry Smith, Tetra Tech NUS (1 copy)
- Ms. Amy Twitty, CH2M Hill (1 copy)
- Ms. Debbie Wroblewski, Tetra Tech NUS (w/o enclosure)
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# RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMENTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN NAS WHITING FIELD

### Specific Comments:

1. **Section 2 would benefit by an explanation of land use controls and how they are being applied at NASWF.**

**Response:** The following brief explanation of Land Use Controls (LUCs) and how they are being applied at NASWF will be added at the end of Section 2.3.4.

LUCs have been identified as the selected remedy at Sites 1 and 2 (Table 2-1) and are being proposed as the remedy at several other sites. LUCs are a remedial action where restrictions are used to protect human health and the environment by limiting exposure to contaminated media such as soils, surface water, or groundwater. LUCs offer a safe, simple, and inexpensive alternative for managing low-risk sites. LUCs can include access controls such as warning signs or fences, prohibitive directives to prevent activities such as digging or drilling, or institutional controls such as comprehensive plan notations or deed restrictions to prohibit future residential development.

The LUCs implemented at Sites 1 and 2 restrict future use of the sites to nonresidential activities involving less than full-time contact with surface and subsurface soil.

2. **Please consider including a copy of a recent RAB newsletter in the Appendix.**

**Response:** A copy of the June 2002 newsletter will be included as Appendix C.

3. **Please correct my Department name in Appendix A.**

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**  
**NAS WHITING FIELD COMMENTS**  
**COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN**  
**NAS WHITING FIELD**

**Specific Comments:**

1. **Page 2-1, Section 2.1.2.** In the first paragraph, the second sentence should not include “and east”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows: “Streams border NAS Whiting Field to the west and south.”

2. **Page 2-1, Section 2.1.2.** In the second paragraph, third sentence, the text should be revised to indicate that Big Coldwater Creek is about 1 mile to the east of Whiting..

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows: “NAS Whiting Field is bordered on the west side by Clear Creek, with Big Coldwater Creek approximately 1 mile to the east.”

3. **Page 2-3, Section 2.1.2.** In the last sentence of the first paragraph remove “Personnel Support” and insert “Customer Service”, and remove “Naval Commissary, and Naval Air Training Management Support Activity Detachment” and insert “Navy Exchange, Defence Commissary Agency, Chief of Naval Air Training and Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment, Milton.”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

4. **Page 2-3, Section 2.2.1.** In the first sentence, insert “U.S.” before “Navy”, insert “Air Force” after “Coast Guard”, and insert “military” after “foreign”. Also, insert the third sentence after the first, and revise the text of the second sentence as follows. Insert “650 students complete their primary flight training and” after “Approximately”, and remove “600”.

**Response:** The first paragraph of Section 2.2.1 will be revised as follows.

*“In its more than 50 years of service, NAS Whiting Field has served as a naval aviation training facility for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and even foreign military pilots. Over the years, NAS Whiting Field has provided fixed-wing and helicopter training and has become well known as the “busiest naval air station in the world.” Each year, approximately 650 students complete their primary flight training and earn their wings at NAS Whiting Field.”*

5. **Page 2-4, Section 2.2.1.** In the first paragraph, remove “now” in the first sentence. In the second sentence, replace “Turbomentor” with “Turbo mentor”. Remove the last sentence because the arrival of aircraft in on hold.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

6. **Page 2-4, Section 2.2.2.** In the Mission statement, remove “student” after “provide”, insert “ U.S. Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and International Student” before “aviators”, insert “the” before “primary”, remove the comma and insert “and” before “immediate”. Remove “formation, and tactic” and “basic and” and remove the “s” from “phases”, and insert the following phrase after “helicopter operation”: “pilot training as well as Navy and Marine Corps Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operators.”

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows.

“The mission of NAS Whiting Field is to provide services and material to support the training of U.S. Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and international student aviators in the primary and intermediate phases of fixed-wing aircraft operation and the advanced phase of helicopter operation pilot training, and to support the training of Navy and Marine Corps Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operators.”

7. **Page 2-9, Figure 2-3:** Use the latest map that shows runways, roads, etc., and provide a colored copy.

**Response:** The latest color site status map (11’ X 17”) complete with runway, roads, etc., will be used as Figure 2-3.

8. **Page 3-2, Section 3.1:** In the first paragraph, remove “in” and insert “near”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

9. **Page 3-2, Section 3.1:** In the third paragraph, in the fourth sentence, insert “Corp” after “Training”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

10. **Page 3-2, Section 3.2.** In the last sentence, insert “articles in the Base Newspaper”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows:

*“The base has also held public information meetings, published newsletters and articles in the Base newspaper, conducted community interviews, and solicited community involvement with the formation of the Technical Review Committee, later changed to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). These actions are performed in an effort to foster communication between the Navy and the community.”*

11. **Page 3-3, Section 3.2.1:** In the third paragraph, spell out all numbers less than ten (e.g., “7 percent” to “seven percent”).

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

12. **Page 3-4, Section 3.3:** In the first paragraph, remove from the last sentence “most recent”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

13. **Page 3-5, Section 3.3:** In the first paragraph, the third bullet refers to the need to construct the Garcon Point Bridge, which has already been constructed. Also, why are these concerns outside the Base included if they are not related to RAB/IRP?

**Response:** This section is intended to present the major community concerns which were reported from the 1995 interviews. The third bullet will be revised as follows:

*“The Garcon Point Bridge”*

14. **Page 4-2, Section 4.2:** The first sentence of the first paragraph should reflect that an information network was developed.

**Response:** The first paragraph will be revised as follows:

“In order to meet the community relations program’s goal of providing an effective plan for keeping the public informed about environmental activities at NAS Whiting Field, an information network with the community was developed. From the community interviews, three distinct communication needs were identified, as follows.”

15. **Page A-3, Appendix A:** For the Navy Point of Contact, insert “Ms.” Before “Lori Aprilliano”, and “Ext. 29” to the phone number.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

16. **Page A-4, Appendix A:** The last RAB member should be “LCDR Les Steele – Navy Co-Chair.”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

17. **Pages A-5 and A-6, Appendix A:** Please update the Government Contacts and Media Contacts.

**Response:** The Government and Media Contact Lists will be revised as requested.

# RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION, NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND COMMENTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN NAS WHITING FIELD

### Specific Comments

1. **The Acronyms list (page v) needs to include LUC, NA, and the correct acronym for the NCP needs to be listed.**

**Response:** The following have been added and/or corrected in the Acronym list on page v:

*LUC Land Use Control*  
*NA No Action*  
*NCP National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan*

2. **Page 1-1, Section 1.1.** In the second paragraph, third sentence, the text should be changed from “may be” to “is”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

3. **Page 2-1, Section 2.1.2.** In the first paragraph, first sentence, the total acres of the NAS Whiting Field should be changed to 3,842.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

4. **Page 2-6, Section 2.3.3:** In the second paragraph, “SARA” should be change to “NCP”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

5. **Section 2.3.3, page 2-8:** In “Step 4”, change “conducted” to “implemented”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

6. **Page 2-7, Figure 2-2:** The box “Delisting of Individual Sites” should be removed.

**Response:** This correction will be made.

7. **Section 2.3.4, page 2-8, second bullet:** Insert “, and added sites, ” after “various sites”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

8. **Section 2.3.4, page 2-8 and fifth bullet:** Insert the phrase “remaining sites, ” before “groundwater” .

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

9. **Page 2-9, Figure 2-3:** Please provide an 11x17-size color copy of the Site Status Map.

**Response:** A color copy in an 11x17 size of the Site Status Map will be provided.

10. **Table 2-1, page 2-10:** Change the status of the following sites:

Site 3 Pending – LUC  
Site 4 Pending – LUC  
Site 5 Site Closed – No Action  
Site 6 Pending – LUC  
Site 30 Pending – LUC  
Site 31 Decision Pending – No Action (NA), Soil Removal Action  
Site 32 Pending – LUC  
Site 33 Pending – LUC  
Site 36 Site Closed – No Action  
Site 37 Site Closed – No Action

**Response:** The table will be revised as suggested.

11. **Section 3.2, page 3-2:** In the last sentence, insert “later changed to” after “(TRC)”.

**Response:** The last sentence will be changed as follows to incorporate Base comments as well:

*“The Base has also held public information meetings, published newsletters, articles in the Base Newspaper, conducted community interviews, and solicited community involvement with the formation of the Technical Review Committee, later changed to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). These actions are performed in an effort to foster communication between the Navy and the community.”*

12. **Section 3.2.1, page 3-4:** Insert a bullet before the last bullet, which reads “ documents in the Administrative Record and Information Repository”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

13. **Section 3.3, page 3-5:** In the third bullet, delete “the need to construct”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

14. **Section 4.0, page 4-1:** In the first bullet, insert the phrase “response to newsletter” after “RAB meetings”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows:

*“ Give the public the opportunity to provide input on technical decisions through RAB meetings, response to newsletters, or other public meetings.”*

15. **Section 4.0, page 4-1:** In the second sentence of the last bullet, immediately preceding “ b) ”, change “and” to “or”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

16. **Section 4.1, page 4-1:** In the second paragraph, first sentence delete “plan” after “CRP”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

17. **Section 4.2, page 4-2:** In the first paragraph, first sentence, replace “CPR” with “community relations program”, and “must be” with “was”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows:

*“In order to meet the community relations program’s goal of providing an effective plan for keeping the public informed about environmental activities as NAS Whiting Field, an information network with the community was developed.”*

18. **Section 4.2, page 4-2:** In the second bullet, in the second sentence replace “will be” with “are”, and insert “and newsletters” after “meetings”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as follows:

*“Status reports are provided through all of the activities discussed below, particularly through news releases, RAB meetings, and newsletters.”*

19. **Section 4.2, page 4-2:** In the third bullet, in the second sentence replace “should” with “is”, and remove “ be ”.

**Response:** The text will be revised, and will incorporate other comments, as follows:

*“Information is therefore targeted to a larger audience, through widening the distribution of news releases to all county papers and/or expanding the distribution of the Base Newspaper, “Whiting Tower.”*

20. **Section 4.4.2, page 4-3:** In the third paragraph, remove “CRP” and replace it with “community relations program.”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

21. **Section 4.4.2, page 4-3:** In the third paragraph, in the third sentence insert “with a site tour” after “one annual meeting”

**Response:** *The text will be revised as suggested.*

22. **Section 4.2.3, page 4-3:** In the first paragraph, in the fourth sentence remove “documents” and insert “site management information”.

**Response:** The third sentence will be removed and the fourth sentence will be modified as follows:

*“The Administrative Record, which is included in the Information Repository, contains the official site management information for the Base.”*

23. **Sections 4.2.5 and 4.2.6:** Combine these two sections into one section titled “Fact Sheets/Newsletters”, and in the first sentence insert “/newsletters” after “Fact Sheets”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested. The remaining sections will be renumbered as required.

24. **Section 4.2.7, pages 4-4 and 4-5:** In the third sentence remove all text after “local” and insert “media”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

25. **Section 4.2.9, page 4-5:** In the second sentence remove “newspapers” and insert “media”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

26. **Section 4.2.11, page 4-5:** In the second sentence, remove “September” and insert “annual”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

27. **Section 5.1, page 5-1:** In the third paragraph, remove “SARA” and inset “CERCLA”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

28. **Section 5.1, Table 5-2:** Remove “SARA” and insert “CERCLA”, and insert “ /newsletter” in the three bullets that have “fact sheet” in the text.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

29. **Appendix A, page A-3:** Under the “Regulatory Agencies”, correct Mr. Cason’s department name from “Environment” to “Environmental”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

30. **Appendix A, page A-4:** Include in the RAB Member list “Ms. Linda Martin-Navy SOUTHDIV”

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

31. **Table of Contents, page iv:** Add Appendix C, and include a copy of the questions from the questionnaire.

**Response:** The Table of Contents will be corrected, and a copy of the questionnaire will be included in the document as Appendix C.

32. **Table of Contents, page iv:** Add Appendix D, and include a copy of the most recent newsletter.

**Response:** The Table of Contents will be corrected, and copy of the latest newsletter will be included in the document as Appendix D.

# RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN NAS WHITING FIELD

### Specific Comments:

1. **Page 2-1, Section 2.1.2:** In the last sentence of the third paragraph, the word “occupies” should be changed to “utilizes”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

2. **Page 2-5, Section 2.3.2:** In the second sentence of the second paragraph, the full title of the NCP is incorrect. The full title of the NCP is the “National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan”.

**Response:** The full title will be inserted as requested.

3. **Page 2-6, Section 2.3.3.** In the first sentence of the second paragraph. “SARA” should be changed to the “the NCP”. The NCP defines the steps in the cleanup process under CERCLA.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

4. **Page 2-7, Figure 2-2.** The “Delisting of Individual Sites” box should be removed. Sites are not delisted at this phase of the cleanup process.

**Response:** The “Delisting of Individual Sites” box will be removed.

5. **Page 2-8, Section 2.3.3, Step 4.** Change the word “conducted” to “implemented” in the first sentence.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

6. **Page 4-1, Section 4.0.** The first bulleted item should be revised as follows: “Give the public the opportunity to provide input on technical decisions through RAB meetings or other public meetings.”

**Response:** The first bulleted item will be revised as follows:

*“Give the public the opportunity to provide input on technical decisions through RAB meetings, newsletters, or other public meetings.”*

7. **Page 4-5, Section 4.2.7:** Change the word “hearings” to “meetings” in the second sentence of this section.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

8. **Page 5-1, Section 5.1:** In the third sentence of the third paragraph, change “SARA” to “CERCLA”.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.

9. **Page 5-2, Table 5-2.** Change “SARA” to “CERCLA” in the heading of the first column.

**Response:** The text will be revised as suggested.