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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION IV COMMENTS ON SITE 16 DRAFT RECORD OF  
DECISION NAS WHITING FIELD FL  
9/10/2008  
U S EPA REGION IV



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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September 10, 2008

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SUBJECT: NAS Whiting Field, Florida  
EPA ID# FL2170023244

Dear Mr. Kissam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received (electronically) and reviewed the following document:

- **Record of Decision for Operable Unit 15 - Site 16, Open Disposal and Burning Area Surface and Subsurface Soil at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Rev. 0, March 2008.** (Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.)

Enclosed are EPA's review comments. These comments are in addition to the comments provided verbally via telephone on September 5, 2008. If you should have any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-8555 or by email at [Benedikt.Craig@epa.gov](mailto:Benedikt.Craig@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Benedikt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Craig A. Benedikt  
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Enclosure

cc: John Winters, FDEP

**EPA Review Comments**  
**OU 15 – Site 16 Record of Decision**  
**NAS Whiting Field**  
**Dated, March 2008**

1. Please make changes consistent with comments on the Proposed Plan, for instance, the language on uncertainty, etc.
2. The description of land use controls and institutional controls does not contain enough information. Please change the text on page 2-21 to read as follows:

**Institutional Controls**

- The designated boundaries for LUCs at Site 16 (as presented on Figure 2-2) and all prohibited uses will be annotated via text and figure/map in the NAS Whiting Field Base Master Plan;
  - The boundaries of Site 16 and all prohibited uses will be annotated in the NAS Whiting Field geographical information system (GIS).
    - The NAS Whiting Field Base Master Plan (BMP) will require that the BMP and GIS be consulted prior to excavation or construction activity on NAS Whiting Field to ascertain whether the activity is consistent with the LUC performance objectives described in this ROD.
  - In the event of property transfer outside federal ownership, the LUC performance objectives will be effectuated in deed restrictions and/or notifications.
3. Page 2-23. The second full paragraph describes the obligations of the Five Year Review. This is not part of the Selected Remedy and should be deleted. There is already a Five Year Review Requirement section (2.115).
  4. Figure 2-2. There needs to be some registration (e.g., lat/longs) so that the figure is located in space.
  5. Table 2-4. This table states that the remedy will meet chemical-specific ARARs over time. Please correct this. There are no chemical-specific ARARs identified for this remedy.
  6. Section 2.11.2. Please delete the text in the last paragraph referring to chemical-specific ARARs.
  7. Table 2-7. Please remove the first three rows. These are not ARARs for this LUC-only remedy.
  8. Section 2.12. Please delete this section. There are no Significant Changes since the Proposed Plan was published.