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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING DRAFT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY
INFORMATION REPORT NAS WHITING FIELD FL
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RE: Draft RI/FS General Information Report, NAS Whiting Field

Dear Ms. Martin:

I have reviewed the subject document dated April 1997 (received May 7, 1997). The document is generally well written; I have only a few minor comments:

1. Page w-8, Section 2.1.4, last paragraph: the statement is made that "no vegetative matter or sludge was selectively removed from the sample during collection." Is this what was actually done with the sample?
2. Page 2-13, third paragraph: the statement is made concerning the "corrosive nature of the dissolved solids in the surficial aquifer." Please explain this statement.
3. Table 2-6 (and appropriate sections): Since there is utilization of Clear Creek by youth organizations, should this scenario also be evaluated in our risk assessment?
4. I noted a number of instances where risk assessment values for surface area and other parameters for various tables differed from Florida guidance. Often, they were more conservative numbers. In instances where they may be less conservative, please present calculations which include the use of Florida values.
5. Page 2-68: it is stated that in situations where a chemical becomes a significant contributor to the site risk, a Region IV risk assessor will be consulted. Please include the Department in this instance.
6. Page 3-29, Section 3.3: for the record, the State of Florida does not recognize the existence of naturally-occurring anthropogenic compounds.

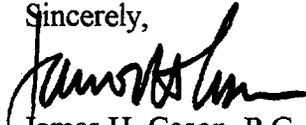
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I appreciate the opportunity to also review this document at our recent partnering meeting. If you have questions or require further clarification, please feel free to contact me at (904) 921-4230.

Sincerely,



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