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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION REGARDING DRAFT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT SITE 2  
NORTHWEST DISPOSAL AREA NAS WHITING FIELD FL  
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RE: Draft Remedial Investigation Report, Site 2, Northwest Disposal Area, NAS Whiting Field

Dear Ms. Martin:

I have reviewed the subject document dated December 1997 (received December 22, 1997). Please consider the following comments in the final draft:

1. Based on data presented in the report, significant risks are predicted for future residents, trespassers and occupational workers due to arsenic and beryllium in surface soil. The Navy has recently evaluated the surface soil at Site 1, which is similar to the conditions at Site 2, and has proposed an elevated level of soil screening for arsenic and a land use restriction which excludes residential use. These actions have direct bearing on Site 2 and this action should be evaluated for possible application to Site 2.
2. I suggest that the recommendations in Section 9.2 be withheld until the excess cancer risks (primarily Arsenic in surface soil) are adequately addressed, either through remediation or by application of an acceptable alternative SCG, as previous conducted for Site 1. It may be that a land use restriction is the most suitable recommendation if cleanup to residential SCGs is not pursued.

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

Sincerely,

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