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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM U S EPA REGION IV REGARDING PROPOSED PLAN  
SITE 1 NORTHWEST DISPOSAL AREA NAS WHITING FIELD FL  
7/31/1998  
U S EPA REGION IV



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SUBJ: PP for Site 1

Dear Ms. Martin:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the Proposed Plan (PP) for Site 1, Northwest Disposal Area, at NAS Whiting Field, dated June 1998. The following are EPA's comments based on this review:

- **Page 1, Left Margin.** The text should state that the document summarizes the Navy's proposal for Land Use Controls (LUCs) at Site 1 instead of No Further Action.
- The proposed plan should explain what is meant by "site closure". The selected remedy is "land use controls and site closure". Land use controls are explained; however, site closure is not. If what is meant by site closure, is to remove the site from the Navy's tracking databases, this term is inappropriate as it relates to land usage. The term "site closure" in this context connotes that the site will be closed to further use of any type.
- **Page 2, First Column, Second Bulleted Item.** The term "chemicals" should be changed to "constituents" since inorganics are not technically chemicals.
- **Page 3.** At the top of this page, the PP states that there will be site closure; however, at the bottom of the page, the PP states that the site will be available for recreational and industrial purposes. These statements are confusing to the reader and should be reworded for clarity. See comment above regarding site closure.
- **Page 3, Environmental History.** The word "note" in the first sentence should be changed to "not". In addition, in the second paragraph of this section, the text should state that the preferred alternative will prevent the *potential* for prolonged and frequent human exposure.

If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at  
(404)562-8555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Benedikt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a distinct "A".

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cc: Jim Cason, FDEP