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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION REGARDING DRAFT PROPOSED PLAN AND DRAFT PUBLIC
PRESENTATION FOR SITE 2 OPEN NORTHWEST DISPOSAL AREA NAS WHITING FIELD
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RE: Draft Proposed Plan and Draft Public Presentation for Site 2, Open Northwest Disposal Area; NAS Whiting Field

Dear Ms. Martin:

I have reviewed above documents dated September 1988 (received August 27, 1998) and offer the following comments which should be addressed by the Navy in the final documents:

Proposed Plan:

1. Terms, acronyms and words: the use of acronyms should be limited if possible. I counted approximately 15 acronyms on page two. I suspect that the public may have a greater problem with acronyms than anything else in the document. I also think the word "contaminant(s)" should be used instead of "chemical(s)."
2. Ground water: it would be better to discuss ground water only when necessary, since as is noted, ground water will be addressed under another program. The wording in our response to public comment for Site 1 would be suitable for Site 2.
3. Groundwater section, page 2: not much useful information is gained discussing the pH of the ground water at Site 2, nor is it useful to note that ground water is not used for drinking "at or near" the site. What is near?
4. Ecological Risks: the statement that "Chemicals in site surface soil...are not likely to affect..." I am unsure of the meaning or worth of the statement in this document.
5. Page 3, first paragraph: I suggest that the reference to "human health and the environment" be changed to simply "human health" since the land use controls do nothing for the environment.

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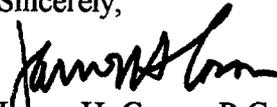
6. Page 3, second paragraph: I suggest the first sentence be changed to, "The land use controls alternative will help prevent prolonged and frequent human exposure to the surface soil."
7. Glossary of Terms, page 4: Land use controls should be changed by adding "or minimize" to the sentence where it refers to "prevent human exposure" to read, "prevent or minimize human exposure."
8. Metals: I don't consider beryllium to be a "common" metal.

Public Presentation:

1. Should the picture entitled "Surface Water Sampling" be included? There is no surface water at Site 2. I suggest that we prepare a general presentation which includes general and background material applicable and usable for the entire base, then use site-specific information for specific sites. That makes less to review with each site.
2. Page 3: similar to the comment in 5, above, I'm not sure that land use controls are truly protective of the environment.

Thank you for 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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