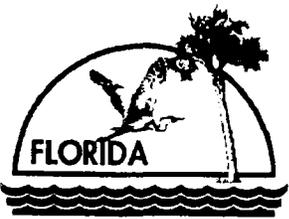


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RE: Final Draft Feasibility Study, Surface and Subsurface Soils, Site 9, Waste Fuel Disposal Pit and Site 10, Southeast Open Disposal Area (A), NAS Whiting Field

Dear Ms. Martin:

I have reviewed the subject document dated December 1999 (received July 20, 2000). The document appears to be well prepared; however, the Navy should adequately address the following comments before the document can be considered final:

1. A figure should be presented similar, but at a larger scale, to Figure 1-3, which presents the contaminant data so that the reviewer can easily understand that the interim action, placement of two feet of soil cover, has adequately addressed the surface soil contaminants with regard to protection of human health and the environment. This information was previously requested and the Navy stated, following the request during the IRA review, that "the final RI Reports and/or feasibility Studies for each of these sites... will relate the pre-existing and newly-determined contaminant levels, the excavated and filled areas and the covered areas."
2. Using the above figure, the Feasibility Study should clearly describe the nature of the interim action and that Alternative 2 is an action which places land use controls on the sites to further protect human health and the environment.
3. Although this document is dated December 1999 I actually received the document on July 20. It appears that the document incorporates comments made by Mr. Craig Benedikt, EPA Region IV in his letter dated May 15, 2000. Please confirm this so that Craig and I will be able to discuss the proper documents if necessary.

I will be happy to work closely with Harding Lawson Associates in reviewing the changes to this document so that we can continue to make progress toward our goal of finalizing the work

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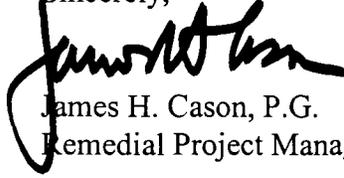
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on these sites. If you have questions or require further clarification, please contact me at (904) 921-4230.

Sincerely,



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