



**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**  
2500 Broening Highway • Baltimore Maryland 21224  
(410) 631-3000 • 1-800-633-6101 • [http:// www. mde. state. md. us](http://www.mde.state.md.us)

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

Jane T. Nishida  
Secretary

July 27, 2000

Mr. Shawn Jorgensen  
Environmental Engineer  
Indian Head Division  
Naval Surface Warfare Center  
ATTN: Code 046C, Building D-327  
101 Strauss Avenue  
Indian Head MD 20640-5035

Re: Draft Proposed Plan for Site 44 – Soak Out Area, July 2000

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

Enclosed are comments from the Federal Facilities Section of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration on the above-referenced document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 631-3791.

Sincerely,

Curtis DeTore  
Remedial Project Manager  
Federal/NPL Superfund Division

CD:bjm

cc: Mr. Dennis Orenshaw  
Mr. Robert Sadorra  
Mr. Richard Collins  
Mr. Karl Kalbacher

**Maryland Department of the Environment  
Waste Management Administration  
Environmental Restoration and Redevelopment Program  
Comments on:  
Draft Proposed Plan for Site 44 – Soak Out Area, July 2000**

**Specific Comments**

1. Section 1.0, page 1, first paragraph, first sentence  
This sentence should be revised to read "...at the Indian Head Division Naval Surface Warfare...."
2. Section 2.0  
Include in this section a description of the Site 44 – Soak Out Area size (approximately 600 square feet).
3. Section 2, page 2, first paragraph  
Please include the name and a short description of the solvent used at Site 44 in this paragraph.
4. Section 5.0, page 3, Summary of Site Risks, last sentence  
This sentence should be revised to read "...or welfare of the environment from...substances into the environment at Site 44."
5. Section 5.0, page 3, Summary of Site Risks, last sentence  
In Section 3.0, page 3, second bulleted point, it is stated that arsenic and iron were carried over into the risk assessment as contaminants of potential concern due to their exceedance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region III human health risk-based screening concentrations for residential land use. However, the evaluation that showed that the risk associated with these contaminants is within the EPA's range is not mentioned in this section. Please add a discussion covering this topic.
6. Section 5.0, page 4, Ecological Risks, first paragraph, first sentence  
This sentence states that the potential for risks to ecological receptors at Site 44 is insignificant. Please add a discussion describing the basis for this conclusion.
7. Page 6  
Include a list containing the points of contact at the Navy, the Engineering Field Activities Chesapeake, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the EPA that can supply additional information to the public.