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Mr. Elmer Biles
6315 Indian Head Highway
Indian Head, MD 20640

Dear Mr. Biles:

We are forwarding the Final Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (BERA) Work Plan for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 47 of July 2004 for your review and comment. Please provide any comments that you have on this document to Mr. Shawn Jorgensen via fax, if possible, no later than Monday, August 2, 2004. Mr. Jorgensen's fax number is (301) 744-4180.

We apologize for asking for such a quick review of this document, but we would like to reduce mobilization costs by combining this fieldwork with the fieldwork that will be conducted at Sites 11 and 17. In addition, we need to conduct the BERA fieldwork at Sites 11 and 17 between July and September in order to ensure comparability with the Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity (B-IBI), which is calibrated to benthic community structure in samples collected between July 15 and September 15. Additional information on the B-IBI can be found in Section 3.4 Data Quality Objectives of the BERA Problem Formulation and Work Plan, Sites 11 and 17, of May 2004, which was previously forwarded to you under cover letter 5090, Ser 044SJ/38 dated May 7, 2004.

If you cannot fax your comments to Mr. Jorgensen, then please email them to him at jorgensensa@ih.navy.mil.

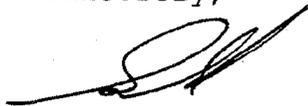
Finally, if you do not have access to a fax machine or email, then please provide your comments to Mr. Jorgensen at the following address:

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If you have any comments or questions concerning this matter,
please contact Mr. Shawn Jorgensen on (301) 744-2263.

Sincerely,



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Director, Environmental
NDW, Indian Head
By direction of the Commander

Enclosures: 1. Final BERA Work Plan for Site 47 of Jul 04

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