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COMMENTS ON FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT SITE 57 NSWC INDIAN HEAD MD
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Comments on the *Feasibility Study Report, Site 57 - Former Drum Loading Area*

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Comments:

1. Table ES-1. For Evaluation Criteria of "Short-Term Effectiveness" for Alternatives 2 and 3. Although it states that there will be "No short-term impacts to environment", do we have any concerns here of potential wetland loss? I think the text stated that habitat here was poor, but just wanted to clarify.
2. Section 1.3.9. Page 1-19. Last two sentences of paragraph appear to indicate that additional investigation will be conducted in the sewer systems when I think it is talking about additional investigation at the outlet sediment locations as part of the Mattawoman Creek Environmental Risk Assessment Study. This needs to be reworded to be clearer.
3. Section 2.4.1 Soil. Page 2-12. Second paragraph. Text states that the HI exceeded 1.0 for construction worker and resident receptors for the RME scenario, and arsenic was the main contributor to the HI. Is there background information at the base for arsenic? The highest level I could find from the data was 35.2 ppm. Background info may allow us to discount this risk.