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Ms. Armalia Berry  
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Dear Ms. Berry:

EPA has reviewed the revised RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study (RFI/CMS) Work Plan for the former NSWC - White Oak facility. The Navy's response to comments and revisions to the workplan have satisfied EPA's concerns with a few exceptions noted below:

1. EPA Comment #5. Use of piezometers as proposed GW sampling locations. The Navy needs to identify in the subsequent RFI/CMS report of piezometers that have different construction from the other monitoring wells. Also, if these piezometers are constructed differently from the typical monitoring wells, data from these piezometers should not be used for risk assessment.
2. EPA Comment # 9. No discussion was provided to Section 6.0 (Human Health Section of the workplan) on why historical data will be combined with current data to assess human health risks and the analytical differences and similarities of the data sets that are to be combined.

EPA approves the RFI/CMS workplan with exceptions noted above which should be resolved once the RFI/CMS report is submitted to EPA.

If you have any questions, please call me at (215) 814-3369.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yazmine J. Yap-Deffler".

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