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Washington DC 20374-5018

Re: Corrective Measures Study for Operable Unit 2 (OU2), Former NSWC White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated October 2000

Dear Mr. Legg:

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) 631-3440.

Sincerely,

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Comments on:

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General Comment

Prior to the implementation of the procedures for addressing research-related ordnance items unearthed while regrading the site, the Navy should obtain approval from the Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board for the proposed action.

Specific Comments

1. Section 3.3.3, Presumptive Remedy, page 3-7, last paragraph
The text should emphasize that groundwater contamination issues will be addressed under a separate Proposed Plan and Record of Decision. Groundwater contamination issues are discussed in this section, including natural attenuation as a potential remedy. Clarification regarding the remedy selection process for groundwater contamination at OU2 should be included in this section.

2. Section 3.3.3, Presumptive Remedy, page 3-8, second paragraph
Provisions for landfill gas monitoring adjacent to the residential apartment units north of OU2 should be included in this section. These measures were discussed in comments submitted on the 35% design submittal for the cap.