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Mr. Walter Legg  
Engineering Field Activity Chesapeake  
Washington Navy Yard, Building 212  
1314 Harwood Street SE  
Washington DC 20374-5018

Re: Draft Proposed Plan for Site 4 Groundwater and Soil – Chemical Burial Area, Extraction and Treatment for Groundwater and Soil Vapor Extraction for Soils, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated March 2003

Dear Mr. Legg:

The Federal Facilities Section (FFS) of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration has reviewed the above-referenced document. This Proposed Plan presents the preferred remedial alternatives for soil and groundwater at Site 4, the Chemical Burial Area of the former Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak. The public comment period is scheduled to begin June 24 and end on July 24, 2003.

The Proposed Plan recommends extraction and treatment as the preferred alternative to address groundwater contamination present in the area extending from Site 4 in the north to Paint Branch in the south, including the area represented currently as Site 46. Additionally, this proposed plan also recommends soil vapor extraction as the preferred alternative, to remove any potential continuing source of groundwater contamination remaining within Site 4 subsurface soils. Institutional controls will be implemented and long-term monitoring will be performed to verify the effectiveness of the preferred alternatives.

The FFS has no further comments on the above-referenced document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 537-3440.

Sincerely,

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