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August 9, 2002

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

Re: Action Memorandum for a Time Critical Removal Action at Site 7, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated July 2002

Dear Mr. Legg:

The Federal Facilities Section of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration has reviewed the above-referenced submittal. This Action Memorandum documents the Navy's determination that a time-critical removal action, as defined in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 Code of Federal Regulations 300.415(b)(2), conducted under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act is necessary to protect human health and the environment at Site 7 of the former NSWC White Oak facility in Silver Spring, Maryland.

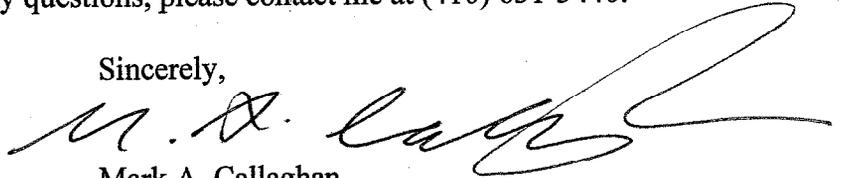
Site 7 was reportedly used for the thermal destruction of waste ordnance compounds between 1948 and 1968. The Navy has determined that elevated risks are present from exposure to soil contaminated with HMX and RDX, in addition to several volatile organic and inorganic compounds. The Navy intends to excavate the contaminated soil associated with Site 7 and dispose of this waste off site in a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Subtitle D landfill.

The proposed action for Site 7 will include disturbance of a volume greater than 100 cubic yards of earth. Accordingly, the Navy will need to meet the substantive requirements of an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, as described in Code of Maryland

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Regulations (COMAR) 26.17.01.05. Furthermore, COMAR 26.17.01.05 should be listed within the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements section of the above-referenced document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 631-3440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.A. Callaghan', written in a cursive style.

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