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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 7 Groundwater and Soils – Ordnance Burn Area, Enhanced Anaerobic Bioremediation for Groundwater and No Further Action for Soils, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated March 2003.

Dear Mr. Legg:

The Federal Facilities Section of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Waste Management Administration has reviewed the above-referenced documents and has the following comments.

1. It should be stated within the initial discussion that Institutional Controls would be put in place at Site 7 and monitoring would be conducted until Remedial Action Objectives associated with groundwater at the site have been met.
2. Within the evaluation of groundwater alternatives, it is stated, "remedial alternatives be evaluated against the seven criteria defined in the NCP," which corresponds to the Threshold and Balancing Criteria in the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The Navy should acknowledge the two modifying criteria, State and community acceptance, within the proposed plan.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (410) 537-3440.

Sincerely,

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