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Mr. Walter Legg
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Washington DC 20374-5018

Re: Proposed Plan for site 28 – Building T-14 Scrap Yard and Proposed Plan for Site 47 – Building 90 Drainage, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated June 2002

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:

Proposed Plan for Site 28 – Building T-14 Scrap Yard and Proposed Plan for Site 47 – Building 90 Drainage, Former Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) White Oak, Silver Spring, Maryland, dated June 2002.

1. Navy Announces Proposed Plan, page 2, 3rd paragraph.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provides regulatory oversight and guidance to federal facilities as well as providing concurrence on cleanup initiatives. The MDE does not provide consultation services to the Navy or the EPA. Please reword the text to read “ The Navy and EPA, in conjunction with regulatory support and guidance from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), will select a remedy for Sites 28 and 47.”

2. Scope and Role of the Action, page 5, 2nd paragraph.

The title of this section should be correctly formatted in order to provide consistency within the document.

3. Summary of the Recommended Alternative, page 6, 7th paragraph.

The text should be revised to maintain document consistency, either use recommended alternative or use preferred alternative, not both.