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Waste Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Ms. Michelle Glenn
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: MCB Camp Lejeune; Operable Units

Dear Ms. Glenn:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has requested the Navy assign operable units, which are discrete areas of contamination within a specified boundary. The purpose of assigning operable units, as the Navy understands, is to clarify zones which the RI/FS will address. The Navy employed this idea in assigning Hadnot Point as an operable unit in order to clarify what portions or sites were not included in the RI/FS.

Per our telephone conference with Mr. Carl Froede on December 20, 1991, it was discussed that the areas of contamination to be addressed in the RI/FS have already been grouped into what we term "sites." [These sites are defined in the Site Summary Report (ESE, 1990), previously provided to EPA.] Further delineation of these site boundaries (e.g. a street, railroad line, etc.) is not possible at this time since only limited sampling has been conducted to date, and the edge of any plumes and/or soil contamination is not yet known. All sites, except for Hadnot Point, are in vastly different geographic locations and in general cannot technically be combined into operable units at this time.

EPA agreed during our telephone conference that renaming our sites "operable units" and assigning a new numbering scheme serves no purpose to support the investigation or clean-up of these areas. As we proceed into the RI/FS for each site, operable units will be proposed if it supports clarification of the site boundary.

Re: MCB Camp Lejeune; Operable Units

Our point of contact for questions concerning this matter is Ms. Laurie Boucher, P.E., at (804) 445-1814.

Sincerely,

P. A. RAKOWSKI, P.E.
Head
Environmental Programs Branch
Environmental Quality Division
By direction of the Commander

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