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LETTER REGARDING ADDITION OF STUDY AREA 17 FORMER U S NAVY ROCKET  
RANGE TO THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM NCBC DAVISVILLE RI  
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Re: Identification of a New Study Area Under the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) at the former Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, RI

Dear Mr. Dale:

In accordance with §31.1 of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes the addition of a new Study Area. EPA is aware that the RI Army National Guard is investigating a former Navy rocket range (Areas 3D, 3C, & 3B – see attached map) at Camp Fogarty under the MMRP.

The available documents have noted that “The results of the sampling event found elevated lead contamination in the interior berm. The Firing Range Characterization Report does not contain the level of detail needed to accurately identify impacted areas of the former firing range.” “Lead in Areas 3C and 3D from former use as a small arms range” and that “Areas that are now part of the confidence course area did show remnants of larger projectiles.” Also noted; “Based on historical maps of this area, the Navy used this area, which encompassed Maneuver Areas 3D, 3C, and 3B as; 1) a rifle range ..., and 2) later as a range for 3.5-inch rockets ... Presently, a confidence course is located in Area 3C; with the backside of berm located between 3C and 3D included in the MRS designated as TA-3D. Both 3.5-inch rockets and 40 millimeter (mm) practice mortars have been identified within this “back berm” area. Munitions debris (some fused, but all non HE) has also been found within Area TA-3D.”

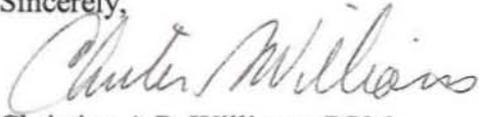
Therefore, EPA proposes to add this area to the FFA as Study Area 17, Former US Navy Rocket Range, in order that a more thorough investigation be conducted through the Installation Restoration program in accordance with §31.2 of the FFA. Under § 31.3 of the FFA, the Navy and the State of Rhode Island, as parties to the FFA, have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of notification of this proposal to agree to the addition of this study area or to invoke a dispute through the FFA.

EPA reminds Navy that in accordance with §31.4 & §31.6 of the FFA, the Navy is required to submit a Study Area Screening Evaluation (SASE) Work Plan within 90 days of a determination that the Former US Navy Range should become Study Area 17. However, EPA is amenable to discussing skipping this SASE step in the remedial process and proceeding directly into a

Remedial Investigation in order to "Fast-Track" this site to a remedy decision.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact me at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine A.P. Williams".

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