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LETTER REGARDING U S EPA REGION I COMMENTS CONCERNING WORK TO BE DONE  
NEAR OPERABLE UNIT 7 (OU 7) AND OPERABLE UNIT 10 (OU 10) FOR AN  
ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY NCBC DAVISVILLE RI  
8/15/2013  
U S EPA REGION I



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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August 15, 2013

Jeff Dale  
Dept of the Navy, BRAC PMO Northeast  
Code 5090 BPMO NE/JD  
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Philadelphia, PA 19112-1303

Re: Electronic request from Dave Barney concerning work to be done near OU7 & OU10 (NHRP Archeological Survey), dated August 13, 2013 for the former Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center, North Kingstown, RI

Dear Mr. Dale:

Pursuant to § 7.10 of the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center Federal Facility Agreement dated March 23, 1992, as amended (FFA), the Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the subject documents and comments are below.

1. Work in this area may be in wetlands or flood plains and therefore may be subject to additional state or federal regulations.
2. No ROD has been signed for the adjacent operable units and therefore no decision as to the risk due to exposure to contaminant levels has been made. Very few surface or subsurface soil samples have been analyzed in this general area.
3. Please provide the boundary of the lot 44, and parcels 16&17 mentioned in the letter. Please provide the text for the note: "7 test pits along a single transect in..." since the last part is cut off.
4. Please explain where the 20,000 sf building will be located and if that project will impact this parcel.
5. One of the notes states test pitting will be done in the northern part of the parcel, but there are no test pits noted in the northern part only on the western part. Please clarify.
6. The northern part of the NRHP site seems to abut the current boundary of OU10. The boundary of OU10 may move south depending on the results of the RI and may impact this parcel.

7. Does the Navy have any data collected on the soil heaps or the berm or the spoil heaps noted on the figure? What was the berm constructed for? When was the gravel pit operational? What was used to fill in the gravel pit? Has any testing been done on the fill material? Has any testing been done on the groundwater down gradient of the gravel pit? What is the "edge of cut" noted on the figure? Was it a forest clear cut? Was it a reduction in grade?
8. EPA has reviewed the pages from the Archeological Sensitivity Assessment Report dated 1994 sent 8-15-13 and the EBS dated 1995 and has not discovered any of the data requested in the above comment.
9. If additional contamination is discovered, the nature and extent must be provided to EPA in accordance with the FFA.
10. Please provide additional project information and schedule when available.

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

Sincerely,



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