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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM U S EPA REGION I REGARDING DRAFT EXPLANATION
OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES TO THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR RUBBLE DISPOSAL
AREA NAS SOUTH WEYMOUTH MA
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January 7, 2010

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Re: Draft Explanation of Significant Differences to the Record of Decision for the Rubble Disposal Area

Dear Mr. Helland:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Draft Explanation of Significant Differences to the Record of Decision for the Rubble Disposal Area* dated December 2009. EPA appreciates the Navy's efforts in clarifying the Administrative Record for the site. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward working with you and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on the investigation and remediation of the remaining areas of the base. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 918-1385 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kymberlee Keckler".

Kymberlee Keckler, Remedial Project Manager
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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

<u>Page</u>	<u>Comment</u>
p. 1, ¶1	Change “sets forth the basis for the determination to issue” to “explains the basis for.”
p. 3	Change the first sentence after the bullets to “...the ROD do not fundamentally alter...”
p. 5	Delete “EPA, and MassDEP” from the fifth bullet.
pp. 6&7, §4.2, ¶2	Please clarify how the landfill’s influence on groundwater is limited by the discharge of groundwater to the abutting wetlands.
Appendix A	The Navy designated the <i>Health Advisory for Manganese</i> as an action-specific ARAR. That is accurate as long as the health advisory is used only for monitoring purposes.
Figure 4	Please clarify whether the “Off-site monitoring well” locations will be used to determine compliance with the health advisory.