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LETTER AND COMMENTS FROM U S EPA REGION I REGARDING DRAFT RECORD OF  
DECISION FOR HANGAR 1 FLOOR DRAINS NAS SOUTH WEYMOUTH MA  
06/07/2010  
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Re: Draft ROD for the Hangar 1 Floor Drains, OU25

Dear Mr. Helland:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Draft ROD for the Hangar 1 Floor Drains* dated May 2010. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward working with you and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to complete the final remedy selection for Operable Unit 25. 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  
Federal Facilities Superfund Section

Attachment

cc: Dave Barney, USN, South Weymouth, MA  
Dave Chaffin, MADEP, Boston, MA  
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## ATTACHMENT A

<u>Page</u>	<u>Comment</u>
p. 1, §1.2	In the first sentence, please insert “soils and groundwater at” after No Further Action decision.
p. 1, §1.2	Delete “to the extent practicable” from the second sentence.
p. 1, §1.2	In the last sentence, please insert “for soils and groundwater” after decision where it occurs twice.
p. 1, §1.3	Because this is a No Further Action ROD, there is no need to describe the past removal actions in the Declaration. Please replace this section with: “No Further CERCLA remedial action for soils and groundwater is necessary at AOC Hangar 1, Main Hangar Floor Drains. The No Further Action decision for soils and groundwater at AOC Hangar 1 is based on the Navy’s successful completion of a series of investigations and removal actions at the site. Based on the conclusions of the streamlined human health risk assessment performed at the completion of the removal actions, the soils and groundwater at the site do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. There is no exposure pathway for ecological receptors.”
p. 5, §2.4	This section should more clearly state that the ROD addresses both groundwater and subsurface soils.
p. 6, top of page	Since this appears to be the first time that the acronym “OWS” is used, please spell it out.
p. 9, ¶5	Please delete “manganese is not considered a site-related contaminant” from the last sentence.
p. 10, §2.8	In the first and last sentences, insert “soils and groundwater at” after “No Further Action for.”
Table 3-1	Overall, the responsiveness summary should better explain why the comments received do not require any change to the No Further Action decision. EPA recommends that the responsiveness summary be expanded to accomplish this. Specifically, the response to Mr. Galluzzo’s comment only discusses the motor pool. It should also address how the motor pool and Hangar 1 differ. Also the response to Ms. Parson’s second comments should more clearly state that the risks from groundwater ingestion were deemed acceptable per the streamlined human health risk assessment ( <i>e.g.</i> , maximum of 8E-05). Moreover, the issue of whether contaminated groundwater from Hangar 1 could migrate to a drinking water source should be explained.