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Re: First Five-year Review for the former Naval Air Station South Weymouth  
Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Helland:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the *First Five-Year Review for CERCLA Sites at Naval Air Station South Weymouth, Weymouth, MA*, dated July 2009. EPA reviewed this document in light of its compliance with the *Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance* (OSWER No. 9355.7-03B-P dated June 2001). This statutory review is consistent with the guidance provided in the OSWER directives. Upon review, EPA concurs with the findings that the remedy that has been implemented at the Rubble Disposal Area is protective of human health and the environment over the short-term.

For those operable units that are still under investigation, EPA is pleased to see the Navy's continued commitment to following the CERCLA process in accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement. EPA agrees that the protectiveness of the selected remedies for the sites currently under investigation (*i.e.*, Solvent Release Area, Building 81, Building 82, Area of Concern 55C, the Main Gate Encroachment Area, the Westgate Landfill, and the Sewage Treatment Plant) will be reviewed in subsequent five-year reviews.

During Five-Year Review analysis, several issues were identified for the Rubble Disposal Area remedy that is currently in place. These issues are summarized appropriately in Section 2.8 of the *Five-Year Review* report along with corresponding recommendations to appropriately address them. EPA is pleased that the Navy is already working toward correcting many of these deficiencies and looks forward to working with you to ameliorate them.

This second five-year review requirement was prompted by the remedial action start date for the Rubble Disposal Area, which is documented by EPA to be July 13, 2004.

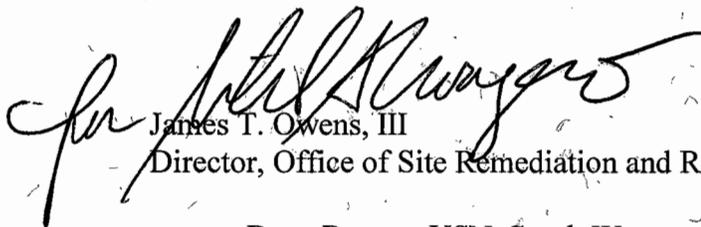
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Consistent with Section 121(c) of the CERCLA, the next five-year review must be finalized on or before July 13, 2014.

Sincerely,



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