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Mr. Paul Burgio
Department of the Navy, Northern Division
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Re: PCB Characterization & Removal-Building 335
Topsham Annex-Topsham, Maine

Dear Mr. Burgio:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the report entitled "Draft Remedial Action Report for PCB Characterization and Removal at Building 335 (DECA Commissary) Transformer Pad (R1), Brunswick Naval Air Station, Topsham Annex, Topsham, Maine, dated November 13, 2002, prepared by EA Engineering, Science and Technology. Based on that review the Department has the following comments and issues.

1. Title Page:

This action took place at Topsham Annex in Topsham, Maine. In order not to confuse it with Brunswick Naval Air Station the title should emphasize Topsham Annex. MEDEP recommends the following: "Draft Remedial Action Report for PCB Characterization and Removal at Building 335 (DECA Commissary) Transformer Pad (R1), Topsham Annex, Topsham, Maine as contracted by Brunswick Naval Air Station. The " as contracted by Brunswick Naval Air Station" should be on another line or lines and be in smaller font.

2. Page 1, Section 1.0, Introduction:

Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation (FWENC) was contracted by the Department of the Navy, Engineering Field Activity Northeast (EFANE) to perform environmental remediation activities at the DECA Commissary (the Commissary) located at Brunswick Naval Air Station Topsham Annex in Topsham, Maine.

As stated above the emphasis should be on Topsham Annex, therefore please delete the reference to Brunswick Naval Air Station. The connection between the two facilities is explained in section 2.

3. Figure 1:

Another figure of Topsham Annex showing the commissary and the location of the PCB removal marked should be included in the report.

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4. Figure 3, 4, & 5:

These figures do not clearly indicate how deep the excavation was within the various grids. A separate figure should be developed that clearly shows the dimensions of the final excavation including depths using different lines or colors to indicate depth.

5. Figure 5:

It is unclear from Figure 5 what the final excavation depth were for grids 6 and 9. Also the dashed line should added to the west side of grid 1 and 7 and the unnumbered grid south of grid 7. Please correct.

I also want to let you know that I appreciated Mr. Rich Goldbeck's of Foster Wheeler coordination, cooperation and professionalism during this removal project.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report. If you have any questions or comments please call me at (207) 287-7713.

Respectfully,



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