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Re: Sites 1, 3 & Eastern Plume, Monitoring Event 14  
Clarification of DEP's Comment 3, Letter of September 22, 1999

Dear Mr. Coccoli:

In response to a request for a clarification on Maine Department of Environmental Protection review comment included in a letter on Sites 1, 3 and the Eastern Plume Monitoring Event 14, dated September 22, 1999, comment #3 the Department offers this revision.

Upon discussion with other technical people and rereading the EPA's SOP (revision 2) "Low flow purging and sampling procedures for the collection of ground water samples from monitoring wells", the Department amends Comment 3 to read as follows.

**3. Field Activities, Section 1.3.1, page 4, 1st para:**

"...with the exception of 5 wells/piezometers located in the Eastern Plume which were sampled using a peristaltic pump (MW-105A, MW-330, MW-333, P-106, and P-111)."

The Department notes that four of the above wells did not show any trace of VOCs during this monitoring event. Only P-106 yielded contaminated water. P-111 is very shallow and is expected to sample groundwater above the top of the plume, and therefore the finding of non-detects here is not surprising. However, the lack of contaminants in MW-105A and MW-330 is somewhat difficult to explain. MW-333 is categorized by the Navy as an "interior plume well", and as such, should be within the plume, but did not detect any contaminants.

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