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September 26, 2002

Captain Robert S. Winneg, Commanding Officer  
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Re: Record of Decision-Site 7  
Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Captain Winneg:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has reviewed the Final Record of Decision (ROD) for Site 7, (September 2002) at Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine. Based on the review of the Final Record of Decision, MEDEP concurs with the Navy's selected remedy of Institutional Controls with Groundwater Monitoring as outlined in Section XI, which is summarized below.

Institutional Controls with Monitoring is the selected remedy for Site 7, the Old Acid Caustic Pit. No active source of contamination has been found and monitoring results to date do not show significant offsite migration of the contaminants above the Federal Maximum Contaminant Levels or the State Maximum Exposure Guidelines. However, manganese and cadmium are above their respective Maximum Exposure Guidelines thresholds in groundwater; Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane (DDT) are evident in shallow soil (0-2 feet) at levels that could pose a future potential residential risk.

The major components of the Institutional Controls with Groundwater Monitoring include:

- Develop and implement institutional controls to prevent human contact with and use of the soil and groundwater at the site;
- Develop a Long Term Monitoring Program and conduct long term monitoring of groundwater to monitor contaminant migration, contaminate levels and natural attenuation; and

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- Five year reviews.

It is MEDEP's understanding that the United State's Navy will provide a draft version of the Institutional Controls and Long Term Monitoring Plan for review and comment as part of the Remedial Action Plan as required under the Federal Facility Agreement. The final soil and water restrictions to be incorporated into the Naval Air Station, Brunswick Operating Instructions and the Long Term Monitoring Plan will be part of the Administrative Record for Site 7.

The State's concurrence of the selected remedy, as described above, should not be construed as the State's concurrence with any conclusion of law or finding of fact, which may be set forth in the ROD or site listed above. The State reserves any and all rights to challenge any such finding of fact or conclusion of law in any other context.

This concurrence is based on the State's understanding that the MEDEP will continue to participate in the Federal Facilities Agreement and in the review and approval of operational, design, and monitoring plans as allowed under the Federal Facilities Agreement.

MEDEP looks forward to working with the Department of the Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency to resolve the environmental problems posed by this site. If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact Claudia Sait at (207) 287-7713.

Respectfully,



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