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October 20, 2005

Lonnie Monaco
Engineering Field Activity Northeast
Code 1821/OM, 10 Industrial Highway, Mailstop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Request for Sampling at the former Neptune Drive Disposal Site, Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine

Dear Mr. Monaco:

Pursuant to § 7.5 of the Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine Federal Facility Agreement dated October 19, 1990, as amended (FFA), [request for project modification] the Environmental Protection Agency is requesting the Navy pursue sampling at the upper impoundment pond under FFA § 11.4 [removal authority-threat of release]. On October 5, 2005, EPA and MeDEP toured site 9, the former Neptune Drive disposal site. We noticed iron floc and dead vegetation in the upper impoundment pond along the banks at the edge of site 9. An electronic mail request for sampling was made on October 6, which has not resulted in any reply correspondence from the Navy.

EPA is concerned that the Navy's barracks demolition activities may have caused a release of site 9 contaminants of concern to the upper impoundment pond. While EPA was aware of the demolition, the Navy has not yet provided details of the demolition and it is not known if the Navy has violated the terms of the ROD which require EPA approval of any activity that would disturb the CERCLA regulated contaminants or cause them to migrate.

Please provide a brief work plan memo to take appropriately located sediment and surface water samples for metals, VOCs, and SVOCs as soon as possible.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact me at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Williams".

Christine A.P. Williams, RPM
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