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**Re: Letter dated March 1, 2007 Subject: Site 9 Investigation South of Neptune Drive
(SOUND)/Building 201 Area of Concern (AOC) at the Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine**

Dear Mr. Monaco:

Pursuant to • 6 of the Naval Air Station Brunswick (BNAS), Maine Federal Facility Agreement dated October 19, 1990, as amended (FFA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agrees to the subject schedules with some changes.

In May 2006, Navy started to excavate the ash landfill at site 9. In July 2006, the Navy notified EPA that some of the soils removed during the site 9 ash landfill excavation had tested positive as hazardous waste for lead and tirthloroethene. Therefore, in August of 2006, EPA notified the Navy that the ROD for site 9 needed to be amended to include a remedy for soils. EPA, DEP and the Navy have been in discussions for several months to determine the best possible next course of action for this site.

The current contract will stop the ash landfill excavation at Neptune Drive and it is not known if the landfill extends into and/or south of Neptune Drive. The Navy has provided a schedule, in the subject letter, only for the area south of the current removal action. Even if the ash landfill does not extend south of Neptune Drive, the site 9 ROD does still need to be amended to change the remedy for soils.

In October 2005, EPA requested the Navy sample the sheen found on the impoundment pond south of Neptune Drive. The Maine DEP sampled the pond later in October and found significant levels of acetone and 2-butanone. The Navy has also reported hits of diesel range organics (DRO) in groundwater near the pond and near building 201. Therefore, the Navy has combined the schedule for investigation of the ash landfill delineation and the building 201 AOC for conservation of resources.

EPA agrees with the combination of the investigation schedules and proposes to also combine the ROD Amendment schedule to include all of site 9 soils (both the area of the ash landfill north and south of Neptune Drive) and the building 201 AOC.

The change to the FFA enforceable deadlines in FFA § 13 for site 9 are outlined in the tables below.

Primary Documents	Draft RI Work Plan	Draft RI Report (including HHRA and ERA)	Draft Feasibility Study Report	Draft Proposed Plan	Draft Record of Decision Amendment and Responsiveness Summary
Site 9, Site 9 SOUND, and Building 201	Jan. 11, 2008	Oct 20, 2008	Apr 2009	Sept 2009	May 2010

Secondary Document Target Dates	Draft Direct Push Work Plan	Draft Letter Summary of Investigation Report
SOUND and Building 201	March 9, 2007	August 15, 2007

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

Sincerely,

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