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Mr. Philip Otis
Northern Division - NAVFAC
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Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Red-Lined Electronic Version of the Final Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA): Site 06 and 11 Ground Water Report Dated April 1998 at the Former Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Davisville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Otis:

Pursuant to §7.6 of the NCBC Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above referenced document. EPA's review identified several editorial issues that we have already resolved with your contractor and the following issues requiring resolution:

- (1) **Pages 25 & 35** Please correct conflicting statements on pages 25 and 35 on which the former states that dermal exposures will be evaluated and the later states that dermal exposures were not evaluated.
- (2) **Page 38** The uncertainty section for site 11 has been incorrectly deleted. Please put the section back in the document and discuss the potential for underestimation of non-cancer health effects from exposure to bis(ethylhexyl)phthalate; refer to the original and follow-up comment "***g").
- (3) **Sections 1.8.1.3 & 1.8.2 Site 6** Clearly state that lead was detected above the EPA action level in a groundwater analysis from one of the three wells sampled.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me at (617) 573-5736.

Sincerely,

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