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August 31, 1998

Mr. Philip Otis
U.S. Department of the Navy
Northern Division - NAVFAC
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Re: EPA Comments on the Draft Record of Decision (ROD), Sites 06, 11 and 13, Solvent Disposal Area; Fire Fighting Training Area, and Disposal Area Northwest of Buildings W-3, W-4 and T-1, August 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 has the following few, but significant comments on the presentation:

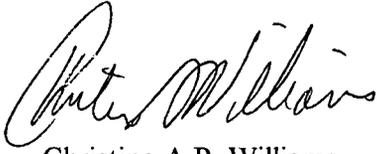
1. Page 10, F. Summary of Site Risks, first sentence; please indicate that the Nov. 1996 6 & 11 HHRA was prepared for **soils**.
2. Page 11, Human Health Risk Summary, third sentence; please indicate that the **removal action confirmation sampling results** were also used to characterize the human health risks at site 13.
3. Page 12, Future Residents (Adults and Children), second sentence; please indicate that not only was the Navy "conservatively prudent" but that the **residential exposure scenario was evaluated in order to determine the need for land use restrictions at the sites**.
4. Page 21, G. Description of the "No Further Action Alternative", last sentence; please indicate that the "target level" is for **cancer risks**.

EPA New England looks forward to working with the Navy and RIDEM in the finalization of the ROD for these sites. Please send an e-mailed version of the redlined ROD for our quick review.

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

Sincerely,



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