



TOWN OF
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND

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Mr. Philip S. Otis
Remedial Project Manager (Code 1823)
Northern Division -
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
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RE: Site 09 Allen Harbor Landfill Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Otis:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan for the remediation of the Allen Harbor Landfill. The Town of North Kingstown concurs with the rationale for the preferred Multimedia Cap alternative (Alternative 3.). The Town believes that given the contaminants of concern detected at this site in ground water, shoreline sediment and soil, any proposed alternative must be protective of human health and the environment. The proposed alternative will accomplish this by preventing contact with fill material, minimizing site erosion and infiltration into the fill material and controlling surface runoff. In addition, we believe that the supplemental components of this alternative including restoration of wetlands along the site shoreline and long-term monitoring of site groundwater, shoreline sediment, and shellfish must be incorporated into the remedial action plan.

As you are aware, the Town intends to acquire this property for reuse. Consistent with the Comprehensive Reuse Plan, it is intended that the property would be used for conservation and recreation purposes. We ask that the remedial design for the site take into consideration future uses such as those discussed with the Navy and the regulators at past meetings. We look forward to continuing to work with the Navy on a design that is both protective and functional for low impact reuse. The Town understands the need for land use restrictions to limit exposure and the potential risks to humans associated with contaminants at the site, and as the eventual property owners we agree to enforce/uphold deed restrictions imposed for the protection of human and ecological health.

Consistent with our letter to Captain Chamberlin of October 24, 1996, we request that the Department of Navy integrate the dredging of Allen Harbor channel into the design phase of this project. We believe that the incorporation of channel dredging is consistent with national environmental policy and will promote successful reuse of the Allen

Harbor complex.

To sum, the Town agrees with the proposed remedial action alternative 3. which includes a multimedia landfill cap, wetland restoration and long-term monitoring of site impacts. We again request that the remedial design incorporate the dredging of the Allen Harbor channel and use of dredged sediments for landfill capping and wetland restoration. We look forward to an expeditious closure of the Allen Harbor landfill and the successful reuse of the property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Kerbel", written in a cursive style.

Richard Kerbel
Town Manager

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