

February 21, 1997

Mr. Philip S. Otis, Code 1823
Northern Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
10 Industrial Highway, Mail Stop #82
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Dear Mr. Otis,

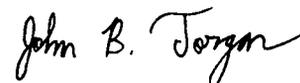
Save The Bay has reviewed the proposed plan from the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, North Kingstown, RI. for the remediation and mitigation of the Allens Harbor Landfill (Site 09), dated January, 1997.

In general, Save The Bay supports the multimedia cap remedial alternative. Additionally, the monitoring component should include a comprehensive sediment characterization extending from the intertidal zone bordering the site to include adjacent shellfish flats in the harbor. Any heavily contaminated sediments (ie. having unacceptable levels of risk for shellfishing or for health of marine organisms) identified in the harbor should be dredged and disposed of appropriately in a manner that minimizes the bioavailability of the constituents of concern (COC).

Save The Bay further supports the habitat restoration\mitigative component. In 1995, our staff performed studies to identify potential salt marsh restoration sites. Allens Harbor was examined, and its habitat resources were documented on a Geographical Information System (GIS) database. We are pleased to offer the Navy technical assistance and community-based support in any wetlands restoration projects in and around Allens Harbor.

Please continue to notify our office of the status of this project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this proposed site remediation. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (401) 272-3540.

Sincerely,



John B. Torgan
Narragansett BayKeeper

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