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September 29, 1997

Mr. Philip Otis
U.S. Department of the Navy
Northern Division - NAVFAC
10 Industrial Highway
Code 1811/PO - Mail Stop 82
Lester, PA 19113-2090

Re: Final Close-out Report for IRP Site 12, dated September 1997 and Final Close-out Report for IRP Site 14, dated March 1997 at the former Naval Construction Battalion Center, RI

Dear Mr. Otis:

Pursuant to §7.6 of the NCBC Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above referenced documents. EPA accepts these documents because they sufficiently describe the excavation, sample collection, field testing and laboratory testing performed for the remedial activities at Sites 12 & 14. On November 1, 1996 and September 11, 1997 EPA inspected Sites 14 & 12, respectively. The floors were completely restored. The confirmation sampling documented in the subject reports indicates that the cleanup levels in the ROD, signed on September 23, 1993, were met at both Sites. EPA agrees that no further remedial actions are necessary at these sites and believes the Remedial Action was performed in accordance with the ROD and the NCP, with the following minor exceptions:

- While 21.71 tons of material with greater than 500 ppm PCBs was incinerated as was required by the ROD, 45.30 tons of soil & concrete contaminated with PCBs over 50 ppm were landfilled in a TSCA approved landfill rather than tested to determine the proportion over 500 ppm and that portion incinerated. Landfilling was a protective and more cost effective methodology for disposal, and the material met the acceptance criteria of the approved facility.

The Certificates of Disposal (CODs) have not yet been received for all the waste, however, all waste is at the final disposal facility awaiting disposal per conversation with the Navy. CODs will be provided as soon as possible.

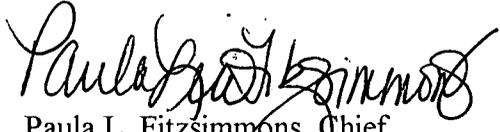
- A fact sheet was not provided to the public to announce the start of the remedial action, however, briefings were provided to the public at various Restoration Advisory Board meetings while the remedial action was underway.

The requirement of institutional controls will be addressed prior to the transfer of the property by the Base Closure Team.

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In addition, EPA has determined that the remedies are operational and functional (40 CFR §300.435), effective the date of this letter. If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact Christine Williams at (617) 573-5736.

Sincerely,



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