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Mr. Philip Otis, Northern Division - NAVFAC
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Re: Fact Sheet 11, Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Record of Decision (ROD) for Installation Restoration Program Sites 12 and 14, dated September 1998, former Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Davisville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Otis:

This serves as a letter of concurrence for the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) prepared by the Navy to document significant changes made to the Sites 12 and 14 remedy selected by the Navy, EPA-New England and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) on September 23, 1993. The Sites 12 and 14 ESD was prepared to meet the requirements of Section 117(c) of the comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the National contingency Plan and EPA guidance.

EPA-New England concurs with the plan for the removal of institutional controls and 5-year reviews from the requirements of the selected remedy. EPA believes this change of the Sites 12 and 14 remedy is protective of human health and the environment and is cost effective.

EPA-New England looks forward to continuing to work with the Navy and the RIDEM on the cleanup and economic revitalization of the former Naval Construction Battalion Center.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact the Remedial Project Manager, Christine Williams, at (617) 573-5736.

Sincerely,

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