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Re: Request dated October 2, 2007 for the Extension of Remedial Schedule for Operable Unit Nine (OU9) (Creosote Dip Tank and Former Fire Fighting Training Area (Site 16)), at the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) National Priorities List Site, Davisville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Frye:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in receipt of the letter dated October 2, 2007, Subject: *Request for Extension of the Submittal Deadline for the Draft Phase III Remedial Investigation Report and Subsequent Documents for Site 16, Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center, RI.* EPA is in agreement with the extension for the schedule of this operable unit (OU) number 9.

As a result of the BCT meeting of September 20, 2007 the Navy has proposed this schedule extension for the purpose of finalizing the field work for the remedial investigation (RI) prior to issuing the report in accordance with the schedules in the Federal Facility Agreement. The field work is behind schedule due to the considerable discussion needed to finalize the work plan for this investigation. Navy, EPA, and RIDEM have worked through many compromises on the expected field work over the past year. The Navy has been very forthcoming about their expectations and in providing timely data reports. While this has resulted in a longer field season, EPA expects a smoother RI report review. The triad approach taken by the Navy is not a full partnership with the stakeholders, but has been novel in the amount of interim data provided to the stakeholders during field work. EPA has been encouraged by this process.

The change to the site 16 enforceable deadline is noted outlined in the table below:

Primary Documents	RI report Including HHRA and ERA	Feasibility Study (FS) Report	Draft Proposed Plan	Draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Responsiveness Summary
Previous OU 9 Schedule	10-19-2007	7-10-2007	11-10-2008	7-31-2009
New OU9 Schedule	7-18-2008	12-15-2008	8-15-2009	2-15-2010

EPA will incorporate the new schedule for site 16 draft primary documents: Draft Phase III RI, FS, Proposed Plan, and ROD into Section 14.1 (Deadlines and Schedules) of the NCBC Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), as amended, pursuant to Section 15 (Extensions) of the FFA. All other dates will remain the same.

EPA is looking forward to working with the Navy and the RIDEM to expedite this schedule based on the timely submittal of the complete Phase III RI report and FS report. EPA understands there is some development pressure at this OU and the Navy would like to be able to transfer this property as soon as possible. The current last remedy in place (LRIP) or construction complete (CC) date is in 2012. This date should be achievable if the schedule does not slip much further for this and other remaining OUs.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact me at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,



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