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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR
THE DRAFT PHASE III REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR
SITE 16 AT THE FORMER DAVISVILLE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION CENTER, RI**

Dear Ms. Williams/Mr. Frazier:

In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, the Navy requests your concurrence with the proposed revised schedule as shown below for Site 16 at the Former Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), RI. This schedule adjustment is necessary for the following reasons:

- Fieldwork (primarily groundwater sampling of new wells) was extended until the end of December 2007. Due to complications with weather (snow/ice conditions), one well could not be sampled until February 2008.
- The chemical of potential concern (COPC) screening levels recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for human health risk assessment (HHRA) were recently changed (May 2008). (Specifically, EPA previously recommended the use of EPA Region IX preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) as COPC screening levels and now recommends the use of screening values recently published by the Oakridge National Research Lab (ONRL).) Consequently, the tables and figures (including the Phase III COPC selection tables) previously prepared for the Phase III remedial investigation (RI) are currently being updated

to reflect the new recommended screening levels. The tables and figures currently being updated are, in large part, the basis of both the nature and extent evaluations and risk assessments being prepared for the Phase III RI.

- Meeting delays. The data review meeting originally scheduled for April 2008 to discuss potential data gaps was delayed until May 2008. Major portions of the Phase III RI report, including the risk assessments, were on hold through the spring of 2008 pending the outcome of this meeting. Based on the May 15, 2008 meeting, the Navy decided to proceed with preparation and submittal of the Phase III RI Report.

Based on the RI report progress to date, the Navy is proposing a new document submittal date for the Draft Phase III RI Report of September 26, 2007. The schedule for the following documents will remain unchanged pending Navy review of EPA and RIDEM comments on the data presented in the Draft Phase III RI report:

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| ▪ Draft Feasibility Study Report | 12/15/2008 |
| ▪ Draft Proposed Plan | 8/15/2009 |
| ▪ Draft ROD/Responsiveness Summary | 2/15/2010 |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Curt Frye, the Remedial Project Manager, at 215-897-4914.

Sincerely,



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