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Dear Ms. Williams and Mr. Gottlieb:

In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement and in follow-up to our conversation on November 25, 2008, 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 because regulatory review of the Draft Phase III Remedial Investigation (RI) report for Site 16 has not yet been completed. The Navy has received comments on the Draft RI document from EPA Region I (correspondence dated November 3 and November 17, 2008). The State of Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has requested additional time for document review. Because regulatory comments on the Draft Phase III RI document may impact data presentations and analyses presented in the Phase III Feasibility Study (FS) document, the Navy recommends that the Draft FS Report not be finalized and submitted for regulatory review until all comments on the Phase III RI document have been received and evaluated.

Based on conversations with RIDEM (Mr. Gottlieb), it is anticipated that the regulatory review of the Phase III RI document will be completed in December 2008. Consequently, the Navy is proposing a new document submittal date for the Draft Phase III FS Report of February 16, 2009. The proposed schedule for the Draft Proposed Plan and the Draft Record of Decision (ROD)/Responsiveness Summary is as follows:

- Recommended Draft Proposed Plan date: 10/15/09
(Previous Proposed Plan date: 08/15/09)
- Recommended Draft ROD/Responsiveness Summary date: 04/15/2010
(Previous Draft ROD/Responsiveness Summary date: 02/15/2010)

Please note that in an effort to facilitate FS review and limit long-term schedule impact, the Navy will be forwarding an Alternatives Summary Analysis for Site 16 shortly. This brief document will outline the remedial alternatives currently under consideration for environmental media at Site 16. We would like to have a discussion of this document at the January 22 BCT meeting.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Barney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Barney
BRAC Environmental Coordinator
By Direction of BRAC PMO

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