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Dear Ms. Williams/Mr. Gottlieb:

In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, the Navy requests your concurrence with proposed revised submittal dates for the following Site 16 documents:

Document	Previous OU 9 Schedule	Revised OU 9 Schedule
Feasibility Study (FS) Support Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) (UFP Format)	4 September 2009	23 October 2009
Revised-Draft Feasibility Study	Not Applicable	30 September 2010
Draft Proposed Plan	15 October 2009	20 January 2011
Draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Responsiveness Summary	15 April 2010	20 July 2011

A modification of the current schedule for these documents is necessary because of the need to collect additional environmental data in support of the refinement of the Feasibility Study (FS) for Site 16 and resolve a number of significant comments received on the draft version of the FS.

The additional data collection was discussed during the joint Data Quality Objective (DQO) meeting of 09 June 2009; the associated FS Support SAP is currently being prepared.

It is anticipated that the field investigation work for the FS Support SAP will occur in the spring of 2010. However, the Navy would prefer to expedite the proposed FS Support field investigation with the expressed goal of accelerating the overall project schedule by addressing the re-development and sampling concerns of the Priority 1 wells in the upgradient area at Site 16 in the fall of 2009. These activities are important because of EPA Region I comments that

“concerns with the representativeness of the upgradient data must be resolved prior to the issuance of the Proposed Plan.” EPA has also indicated that the characterization of the upgradient groundwater at Site 16 was the critical sampling issue potentially impacting the completion of the RI/FS for Site 16.

Consequently, the Navy will be forwarding to EPA Region I and RIDEM a technical memorandum describing a well re-development/sampling protocol in September 2009. This technical memorandum will reflect our discussions during the 09 June 2009 DQO meeting as well as the results of a well-integrity evaluation recently conducted for the Navy for MW16-74D, MW16-82 (D & R), and MW16-84 (D & R). The information in this document is being incorporated into the FS Support SAP for Site 16 but will be forwarded in advance to potentially expedite the resolution of the upgradient well concerns.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-753-4656.

Sincerely,



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