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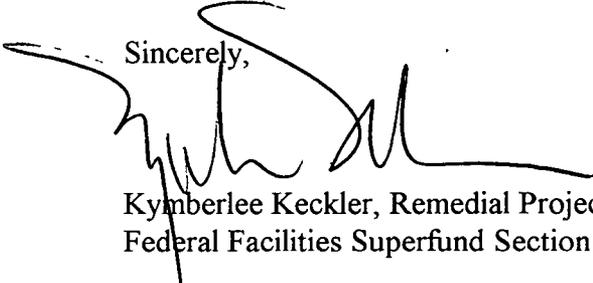
Re: Minutes of the Sixth Ecorisk Advisory Board Meeting held on January 17, 1996

Dear Mr. Krivinskas:

I am writing in response to your request for EPA to review the minutes of the Sixth Ecorisk Advisory Board Meeting held on January 17, 1996. Overall, the minutes are accurate and require only minor modifications. Detailed comments are provided in Attachment A.

I look forward to working with you to finalize the McAllister Point ecological risk assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 573-5777 should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

1. The "example table" referred to on page 2 in paragraph 4 cited in the minutes was provided only to assist a discussion of what might be contained in the data summary table. Example tables were provided in my letter dated February 12, 1996.
2. After the last sentence on page 3, insert "EPA and CDM stated that the toxicity data presented for amphipod survival and sea urchin fertilization did not demonstrate an obvious cause and effects relationship between unionized ammonia concentration and effects."
3. Revise the eighth paragraph on page 3 to read "Susan Svirsky (EPA) indicated that the proposed TRVs data generated for the Allen Harbor ERA (including all supporting information) should be reviewed for relevance and updated as appropriate and then be presented to EPA for review prior to being used in the MPLF ERA " (*See also* the first paragraph of page 5.)
4. Revise the first sentence on page 4 to read "Ken Finkelstein (NOAA) pointed out that in addition to ammonia, other contaminants are present at high concentrations at the NSB-3 station; thus ammonia is only one source of potential impacts and should not be regarded as the only toxicity factor associated with this sediment."
5. Revise the second paragraph on page 4 as follows, "Greg Tracy agreed with Ken Finkelstein and indicated that the issue of potential toxicity due to other potentially toxic constituents (*i.e.*, the COCs) in Station NSB-3 sediment will be addressed "
6. EPA recommends that titles be removed from the minutes (discussed at the Partnering Session on August 31, 1995). Alternatively, titles should be used consistently throughout. I note that although there were several doctors in the room, only one was identified as such