



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-831-5508

1827 ~~PK~~ 11/199
N62661 AR 001284
NAVSTA NEWPORT RI
5090.3a

Nov 17, 1999

Captain H. L. Schwind, USN
Environmental Protection Division, Code 408
NSN PWD Bldg. 1
1 Simon Pietri Drive
Newport, RI 02841

RE: Federal Facilities Access Agreement Site Access Section IX, Naval Station
Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Capt. Schwind,

In correspondence dated, 18 October 1999, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), Office of Waste Management, requested that the United States Navy respond in writing, by 1 November 1999, to issues regarding access to Naval Station Newport (See attachment). As of this writing the State has not received correspondence from the U.S. Navy in response to the issues addressed in the aforementioned letter.

RIDEM is concerned with the U.S Navy's lack of written response in this matter and requests that the Navy responded immediately in writing to the issues raised in the 18 October 1999 correspondence. Of particular concern, is that the Navy's actions are hindering the regulatory agencies from effectively performing their duties as delineated in the Federal Facilities Agreement signed by the Navy, EPA and RIDEM in March of 1992. We would like to resolve this issue as quickly as possible so that we can move forward with environmental restoration at this base. If you have any questions or require additional information please call Paul Kulpa, of my staff, at 401-222-2797 ext. 7111.

Sincerely,

Richard Gottlieb, P.E.
Principal Engineer
Office of Waste Management
Attachment

cc: Warren Angell, DEM OWM
Paul Kulpa, DEM OWM
Claude Cote, DEM OLS
David Dorocz, NSN
James Shaffer, Nor Div.
Al Haring, Nor. Div.
Kymberlee Keckler, USEPA



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-831-5508

October 18, 1999

David Doracz
Environmental Protection Division, Code 408
NSN PWD Bldg. 1
1 Simon Pietri Drive
Newport, RI 02841

RE: Federal Facilities Access Agreement Site Access Section IX, Naval Station
Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Doracz,

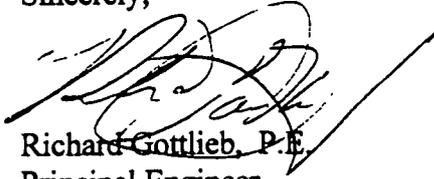
In 1992, the United States Navy, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Rhode Island entered into a Federal Facilities Agreement for the Newport Naval Base. This agreement established a procedural framework by which the U.S. Navy and the regulatory agencies would address the contaminated sites on the base. Section IX of the Agreement outlines the access restrictions for the base. This section states that a Naval escort will be required for those sections of the base which the Navy has identified as essential to protect national security or mission essential activities. The regulatory agencies will have unrestricted access, and an escort will not be required, for all other portions of the base. As of this writing, the Navy has identified one location, which for purposes of national security will require a Naval escort. This location is the Naval Underwater Warfare Center.

Prior to and since the Federal Facilities Agreement was signed the Navy has provided the regulatory agencies with honorary passes to facilitate their entrance into the base. These passes were issued so that the representatives for the regulatory agencies could present them to the gate guards, military or otherwise, without having to obtain a day pass from the base security office. Accordingly, for the past eight years the regulatory agencies have performed their functions at the base, unescorted, except at the Naval Underwater Weapons Center.

Recently, representatives for the Navy have indicated that an escort will be required for the entire Naval Base, including areas that the Navy no longer owns. Therefore, in accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, the State is requesting that the Navy identify what national security or mission essential activities have changed such that a Naval escort is now required for the entire base including areas outside of the base which are now privately owned. Please respond in writing by 1 November 1999.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management looks forward to working with the Navy and the EPA on the remaining cleanup activities at the base. If you have any questions or require additional information please call Paul Kulpa, of my staff, at 401-222-2797 ext. 7111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Gottlieb', written over a horizontal line.

Richard Gottlieb, P.E.
Principal Engineer
Office of Waste Management

cc: Warren Angell, DEM OWM
Paul Kulpa, DEM OWM
Claude Cote, DEM OLS
Kymberlee Keckler, USEPA
James Shaffer, Nor Div.