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Mr. Harry Seveney, Chair  
Aquidneck Island Citizens Advisory Board  
218 Indian Avenue  
Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871

SUBJECT: NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES (NRDA), NAVAL STATION  
NEWPORT RI

Dear Mr. Seveney:

We received your letter of March 9, 2001 requesting additional information regarding Department of Defense policy and points of contact within the Navy and the Department of Justice for Natural Resource Injuries and Damages. The following information is provided.

Since there is no Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) claim at this time, there is no Department of Justice lawyer assigned however the Navy point of contact for additional information is Mr. Bernard Schafer, telephone (703) 604-8224.

You also requested a copy of the DoD policy that excludes the use of negotiated settlements to address injuries to natural resources. The copy of the DoD interim policy on NRI dated May 2, 2000 previously provided is current and it does not exclude negotiated settlements. The Navy has discussed Natural Resource Injury (NRI) responsibilities with members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and the Aquidneck Island Advisory Board (AICIB) via correspondence (Navy letter to RIDEM dated July 18, 2000 with copy to RAB and AICIB members) and during a January 2001 Video Teleconference with representatives from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy's Office, Chief of Naval Operations and Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

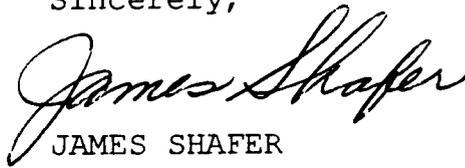
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As explained in the past the Navy chooses to address Trustees' concerns and Natural Resource Injuries during the RI/FS and remedy. If Trustees are not satisfied that the Navy's remedy satisfactorily addresses Natural Resources Injuries; they can file an NRDA claim.

If you have any questions concerning the above provided information please contact James Shafer at (610) 595-0567, ext. 241.

Sincerely,



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By direction of the  
Commanding Officer

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