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TANK FARM 3 NS NEWPORT RI
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Dear Ms. Keckler and Ms. Crump:

SUBJECT: DRAFT STUDY AREA SCREENING EVALUATION (SASE), TANK
FARM 3, NAVAL STATION, NEWPORT NAVAL STATION NEWPORT,
RHODE ISLAND

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that, under separate cover, the Navy is issuing the Draft Final Study Area Screening Evaluation (SASE) for Tank Farm 3.

The Navy issued the Draft SASE for Tank Farm 3 on July 30, 2010. Review comments were received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), to which the Navy responded. In addition to these initial comments which were discussed at several Remedial Project Manager (RPM) meetings, supplemental comments on the draft document and comments on the Navy's response to comments were received. The latest comments were received from the EPA on February 17, 2011, the Navy responded on April 28, 2011; EPA provided approval of the Navy's response to comments on May 6, 2011. The latest comments were received from the RIDEM on March 23, 2011, the Navy responded on June 13, 2011; no further correspondence from the RIDEM has been received on the subject document.

As you are aware, the Navy, EPA, and RIDEM are working to develop a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for Tank Farm 3; the SAP presents the sampling design and rationale for the additional investigation for Tank Farm 3, as proposed in the

Draft SASE, and agreements reached in the comment cycle for the Draft SASE. Additionally, the Tank Farm 3 SAP provides the analytical and data assessment requirements for the project in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Plans and EPA Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Mr. Roberto Pagtalunan, at (757) 341-2010.

Sincerely,



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